

FAIRY TAIL 13



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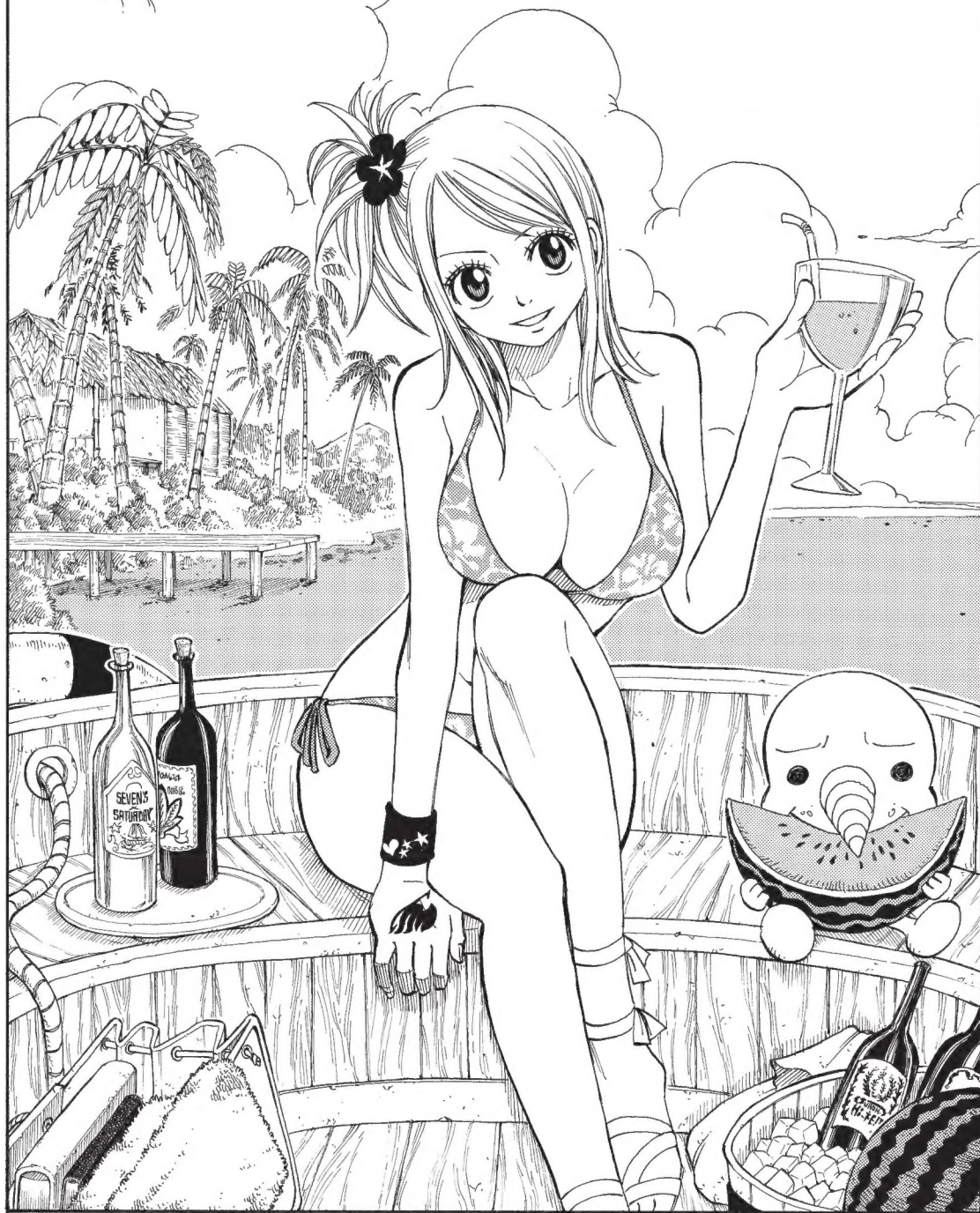
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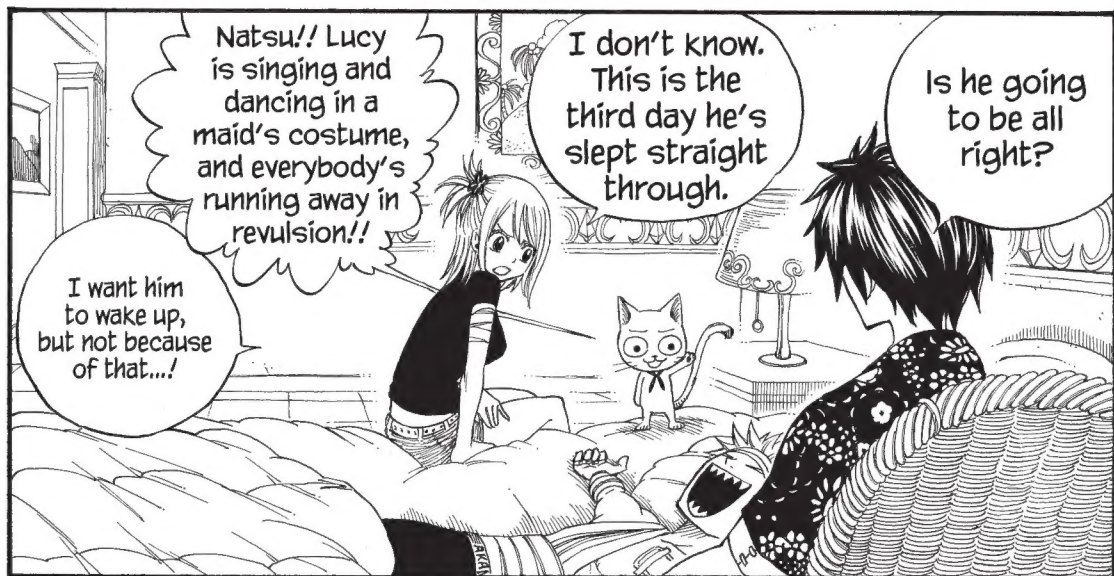
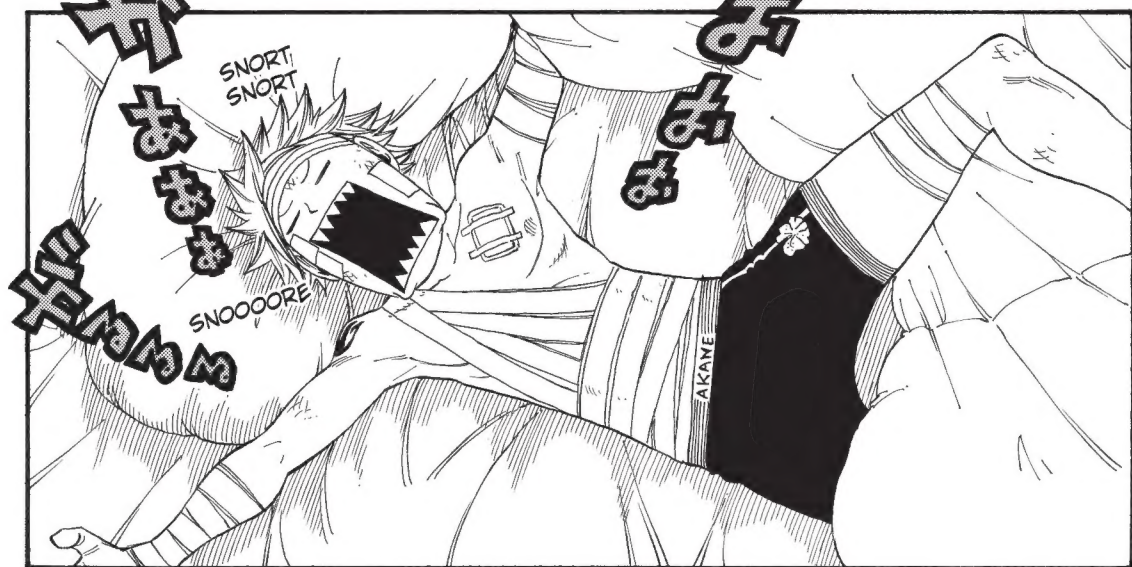
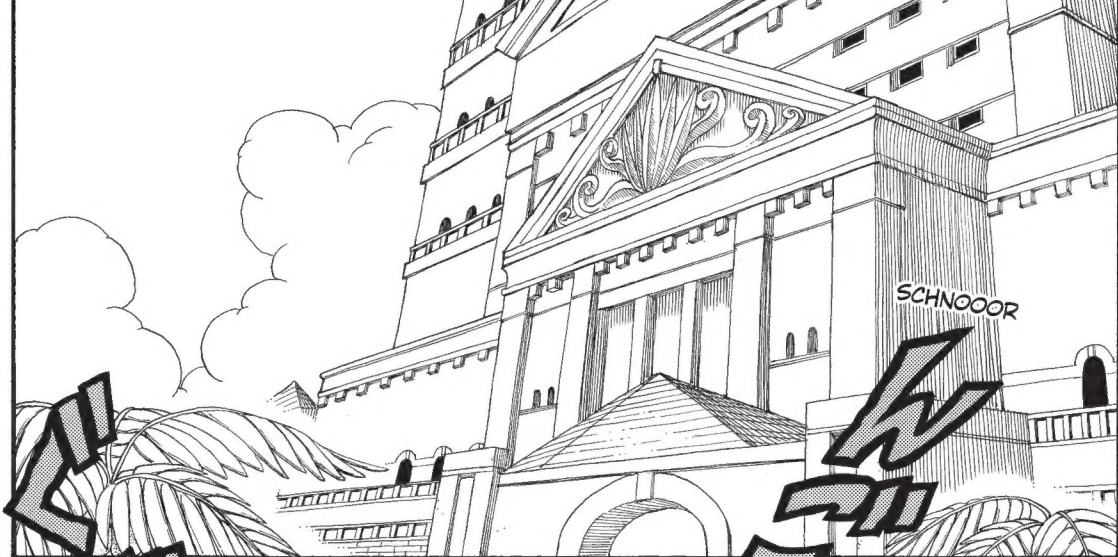
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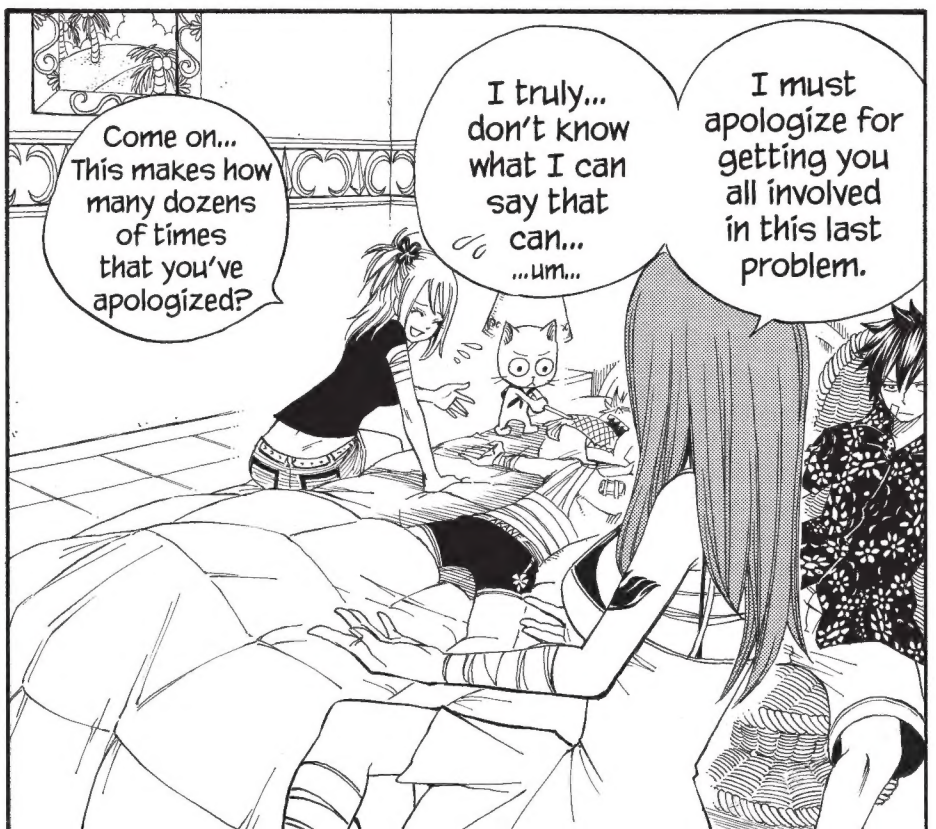
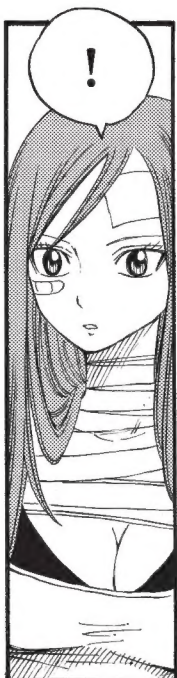
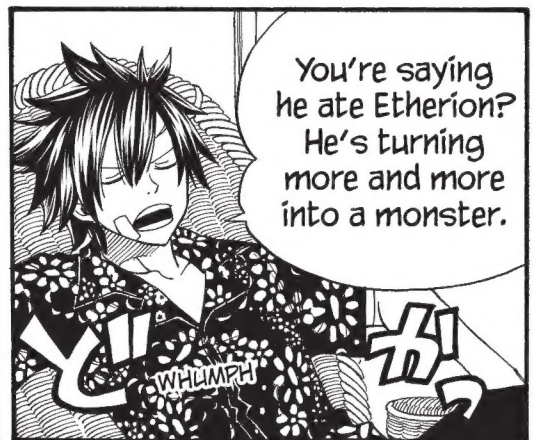
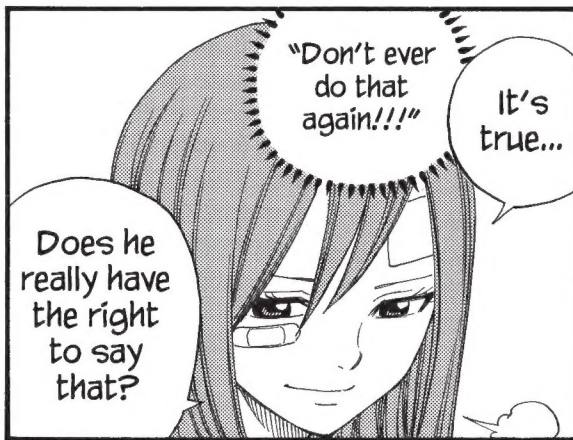
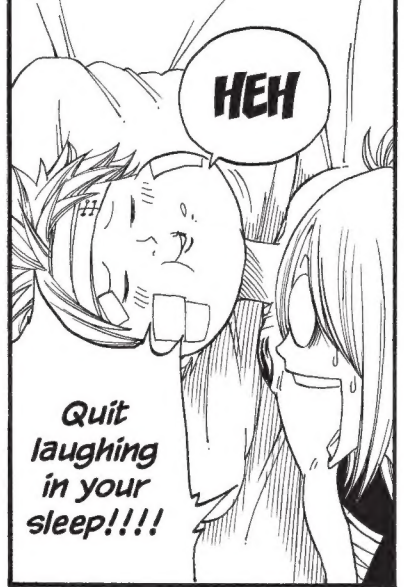
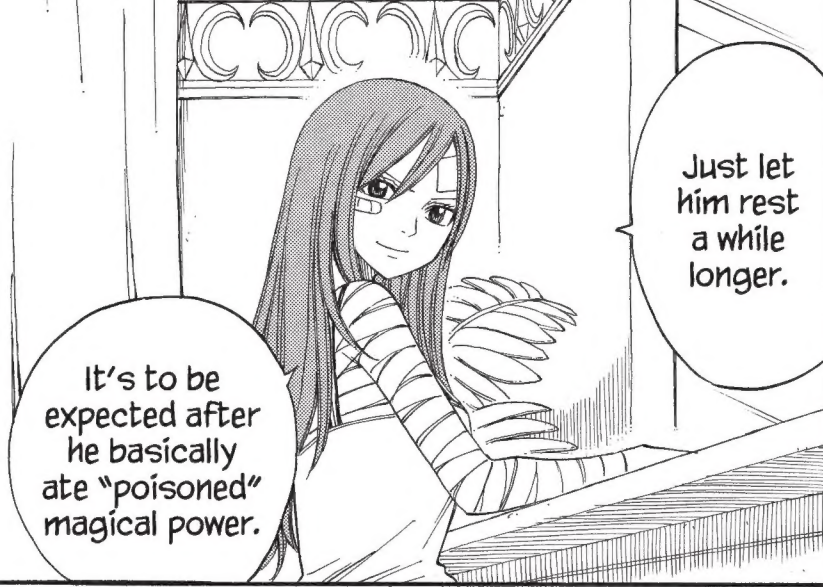
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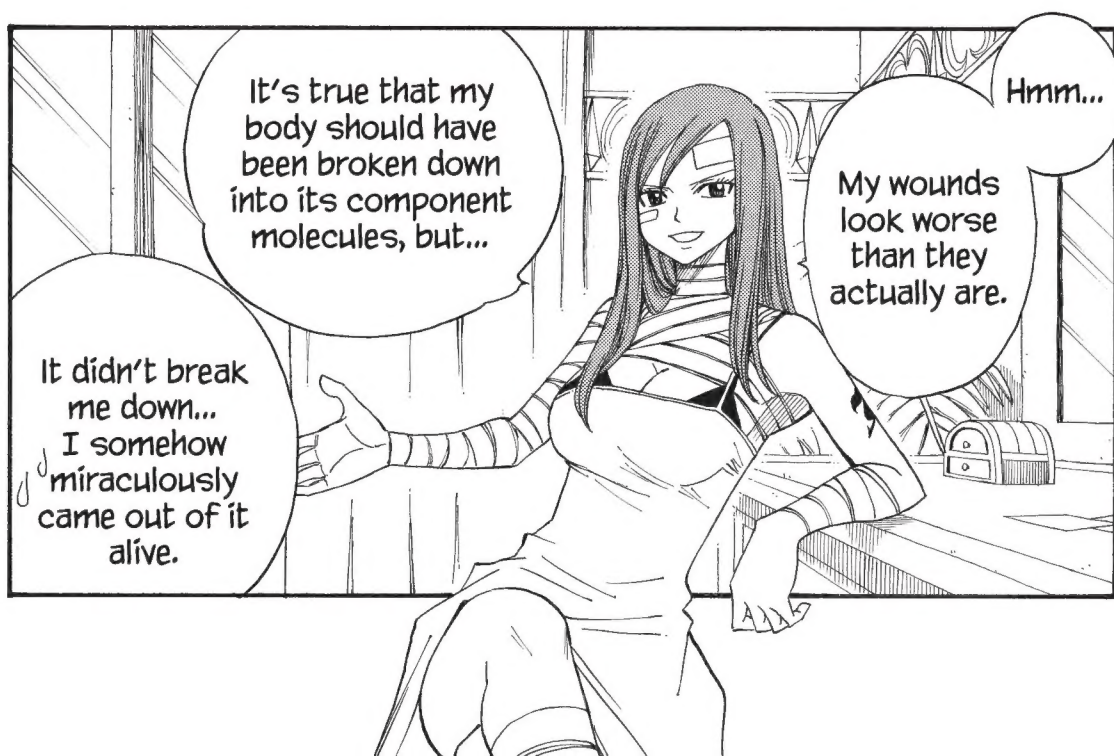
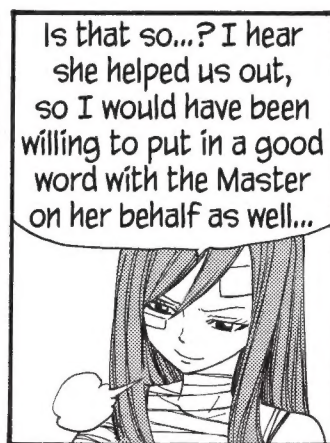
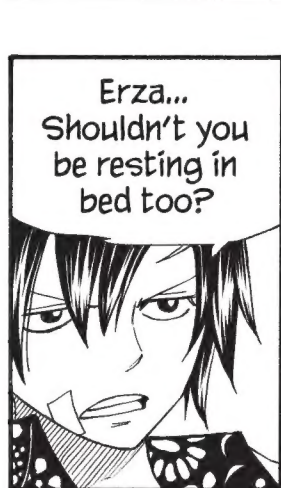
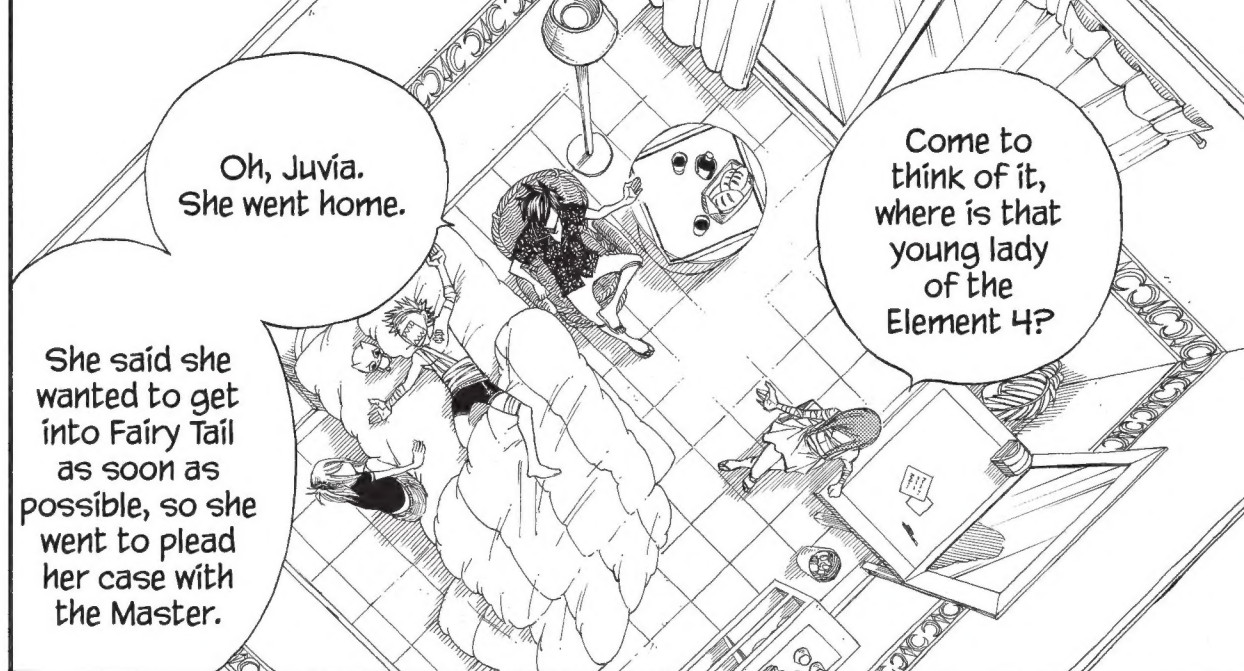
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Chapter 101: Rage Within the Red Earth





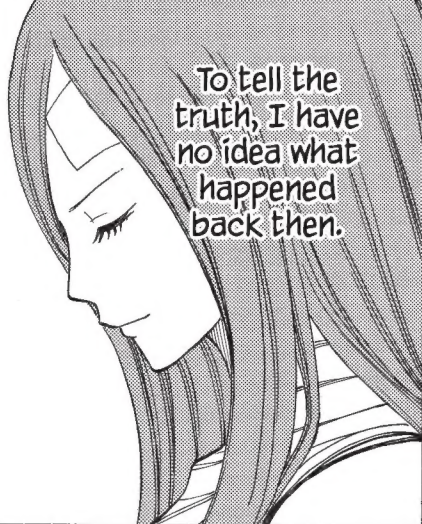


Whatever happened,
you came through
true-to-form, Erza.
You're so much different
than one other idiot
who went off and ate
poisonous energy.



Still, I
suppose I
should just
be grateful
to be alive
now.

To tell the
truth, I have
no idea what
happened
back then.



I mentioned
how
impressed I
was at your
oh-so-very
nutritious
diet, idiot!

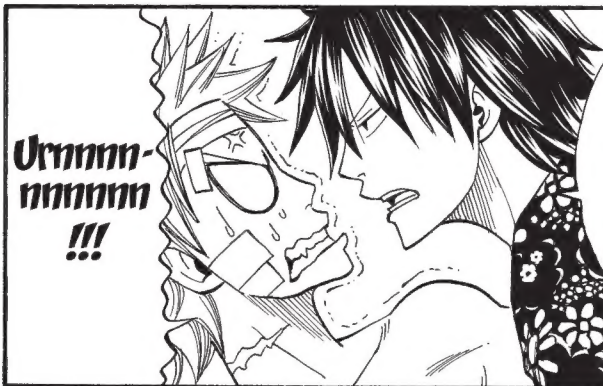


*He's
awake!!!*



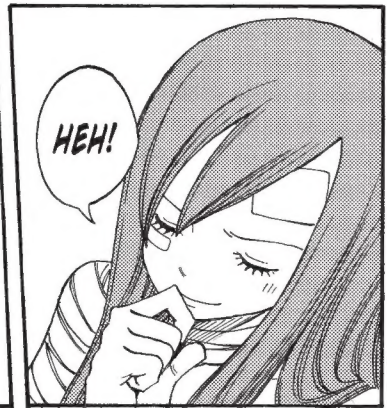
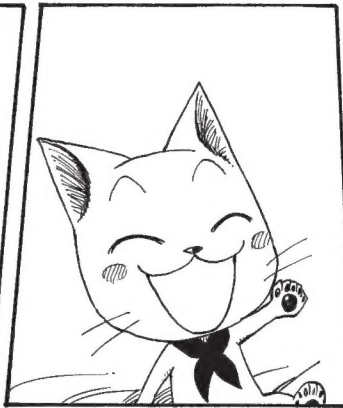
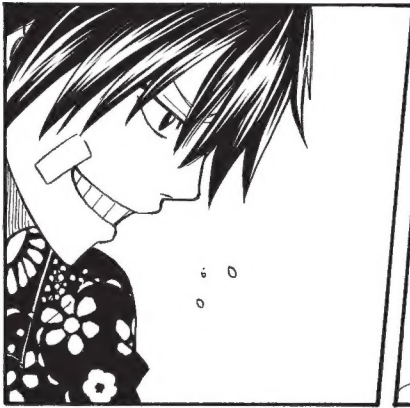
**What
was
that,
Gray
?!!!!**

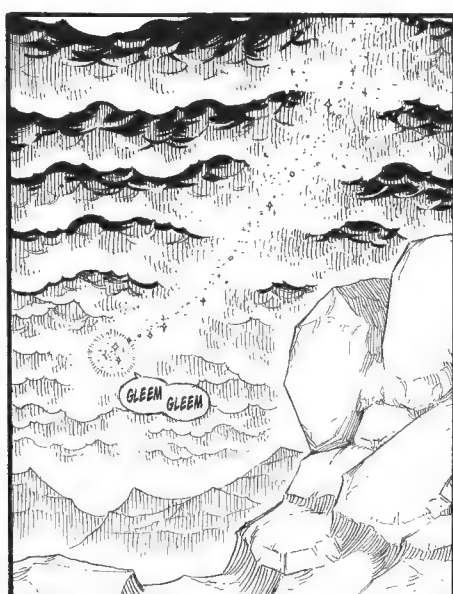
**Urnnnn-
nnnnn
!!!**



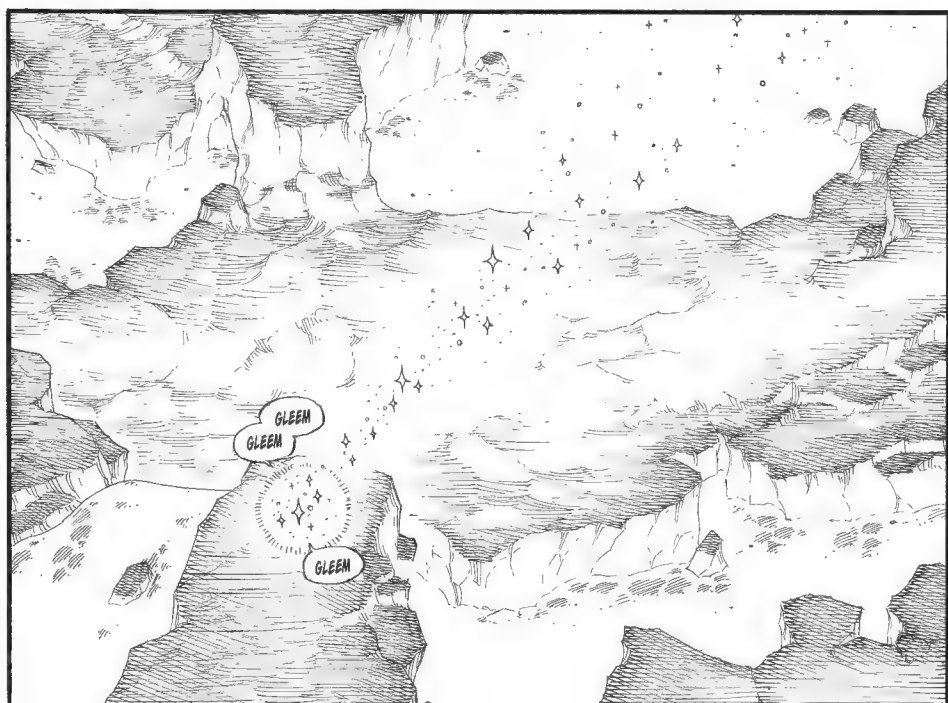
So are you
predator or
prey, you
Food-Chain
Fool!!!

By the way,
didn't you
become an
afternoon
snack for
some owl?





What
are you
here
for?





Long
time,
no see.

✠ ➤
GLEAM

✠ ➤
GLEAM

✠ ➤
GLEAM

Grandeeneey!!

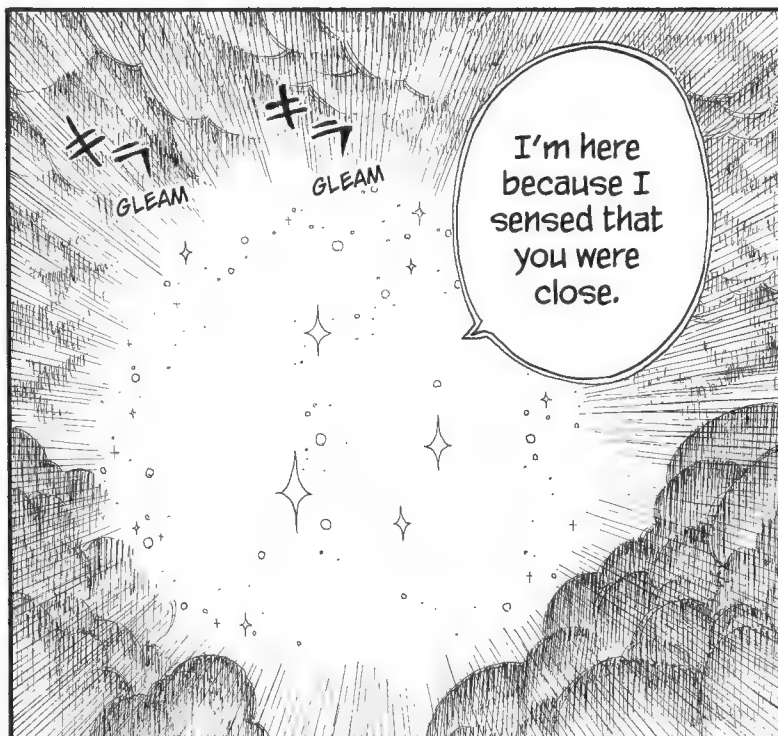


You should
leave *now*,
Grandeeneey!

You are...
forbidden to
meddle...or
even come
here!



You know, *that*
child is truly a
troublemaker.



✠ ➤
GLEAM

✠ ➤
GLEAM

I'm here
because I
sensed that
you were
close.



But such
luck
is not
meant to
last.

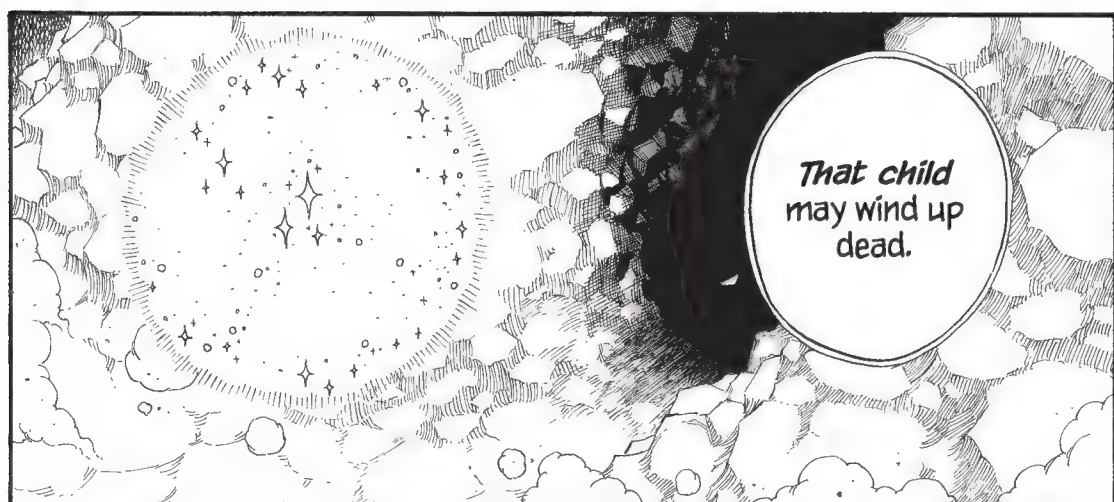
This time,
he was
lucky.



Like
someone
else I could
mention?

HEH HEH

.....



That child
may wind up
dead.



**Leave
!!!!**

**And
do not
interfere
with the
humans
!!!!**



I feel that
eventually *that*
child will meet
up with Wendy.

This time,
I hope they
become good
friends!

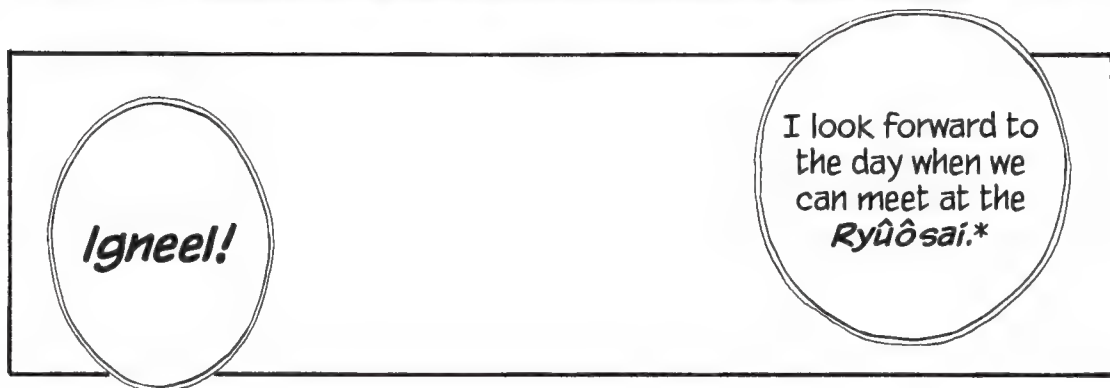


Leave!

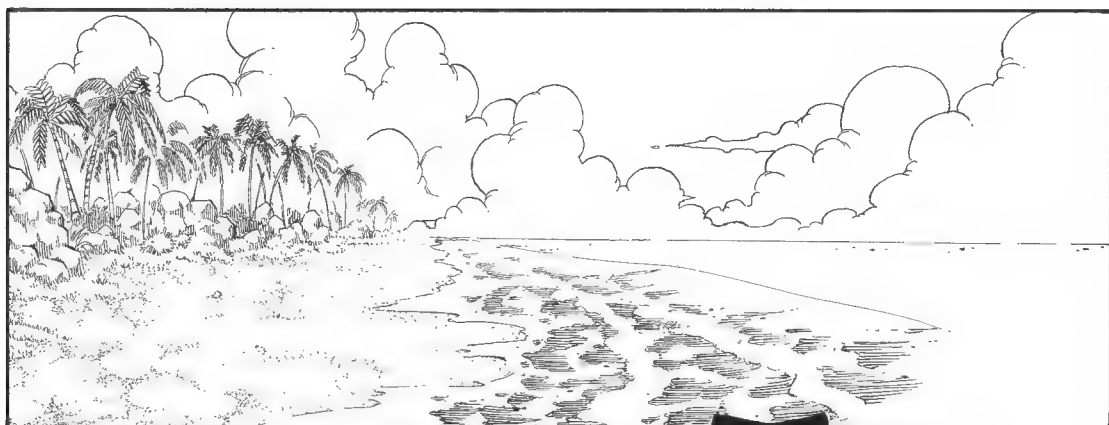


*Is it truly
your aim to
make Igneel
angry?!!!!*

GRAAAHHHH

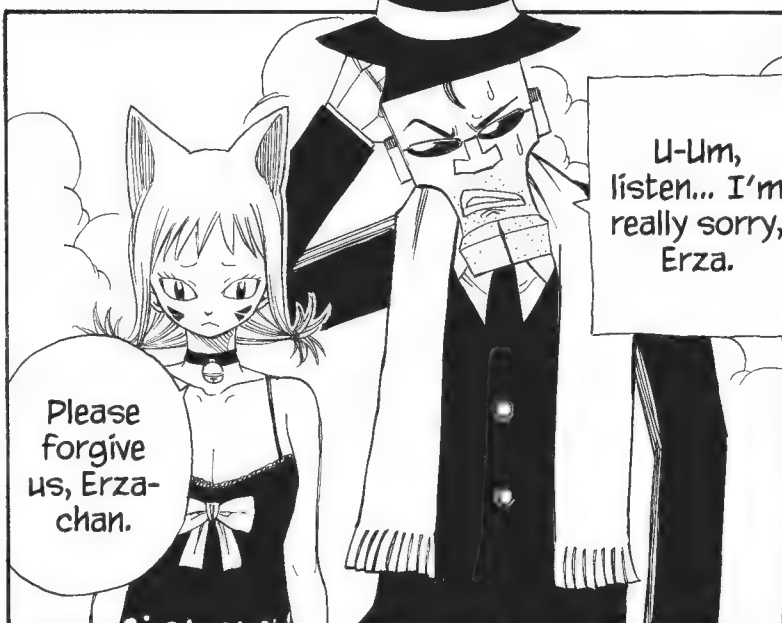


*Dragon King Celebration



I'm very sorry.

I should apologize for doing nothing for eight years.



Please forgive us, Erza-chan.

U-Um, listen... I'm really sorry, Erza.



If I had acted earlier, then maybe Simon...

But now, that sounds like nothing more than an excuse.



Sis was threatened by Jellal.

She stayed away because she thought it would help protect us, right?!

And especially now, I know what it was like for you people to be left behind.

I know now how Simon felt.

Simon was a true man!!
H-He wanted to be the man to protect you, Erza, for so long...

Wally!!!



But now it's time for us all to start moving forward.

Towards the future that Simon made possible.

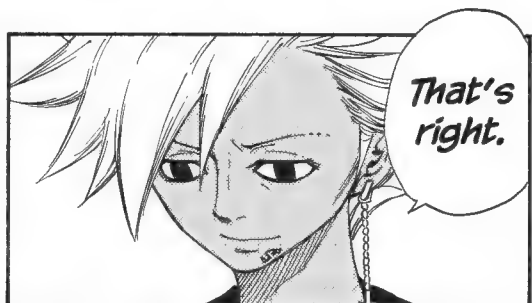


... Simon will always be right here with us.

And, although it's sad...

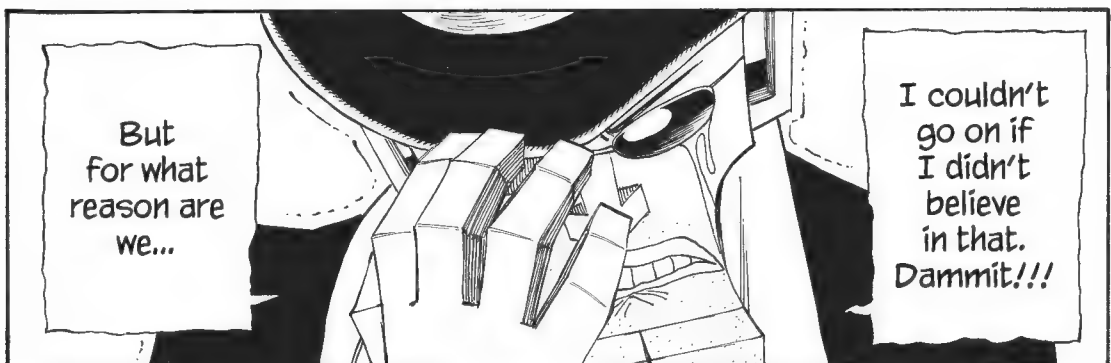


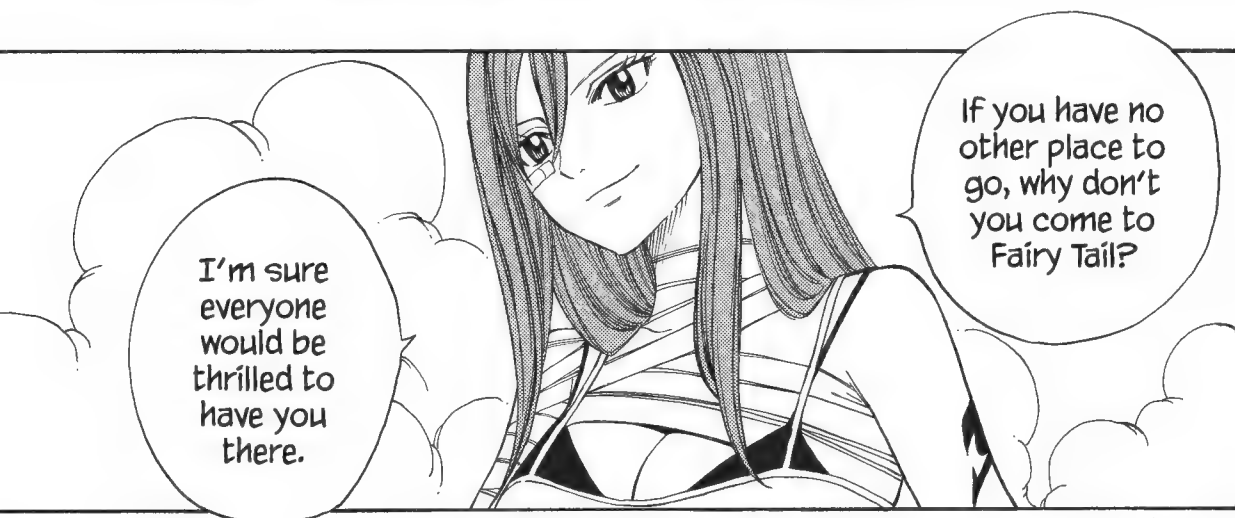
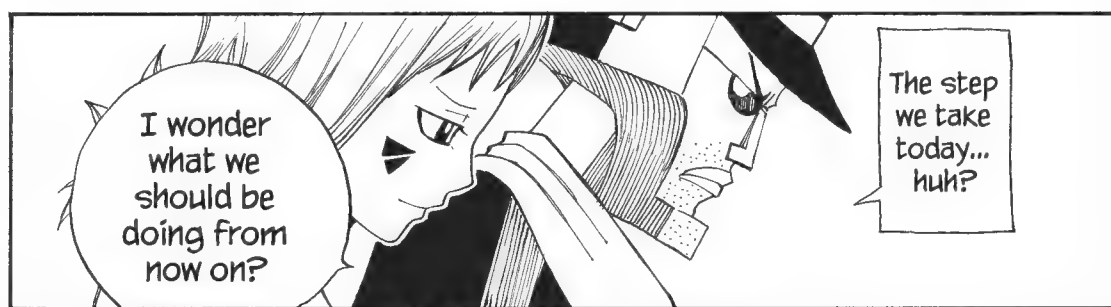
That's right.

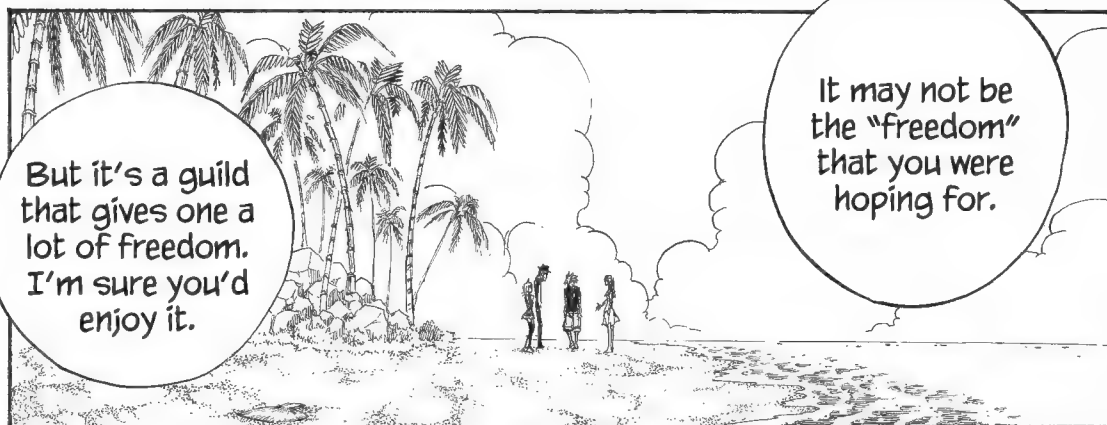


But for what reason are we...

I couldn't go on if I didn't believe in that. Dammit!!!

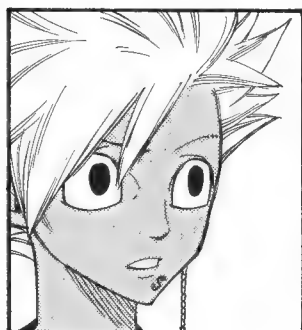






But it's a guild that gives one a lot of freedom. I'm sure you'd enjoy it.

It may not be the "freedom" that you were hoping for.



Besides, that way we could always be together.



It's a guild that's all pumped up!!

Come to think of it, Salamander said something much the same.

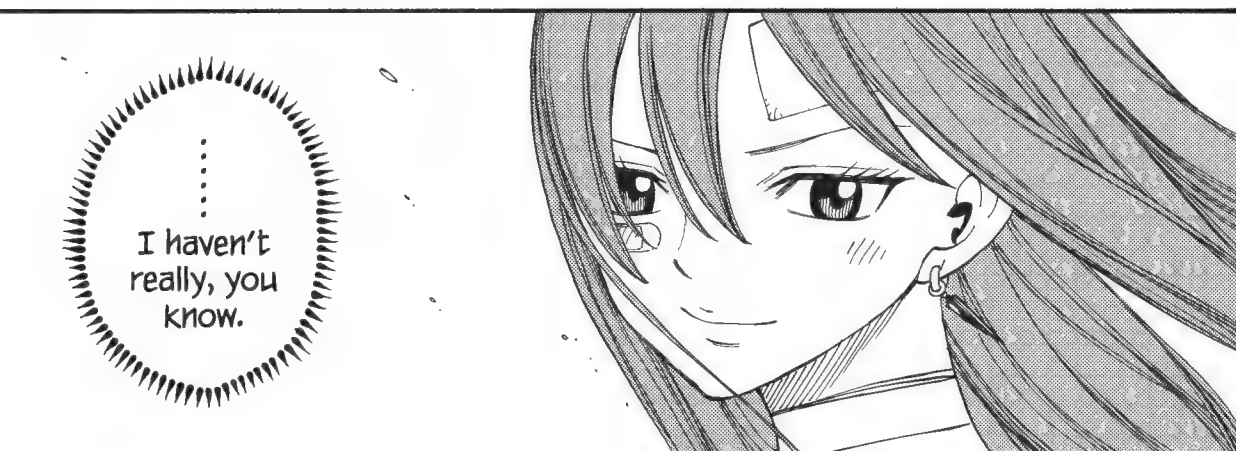
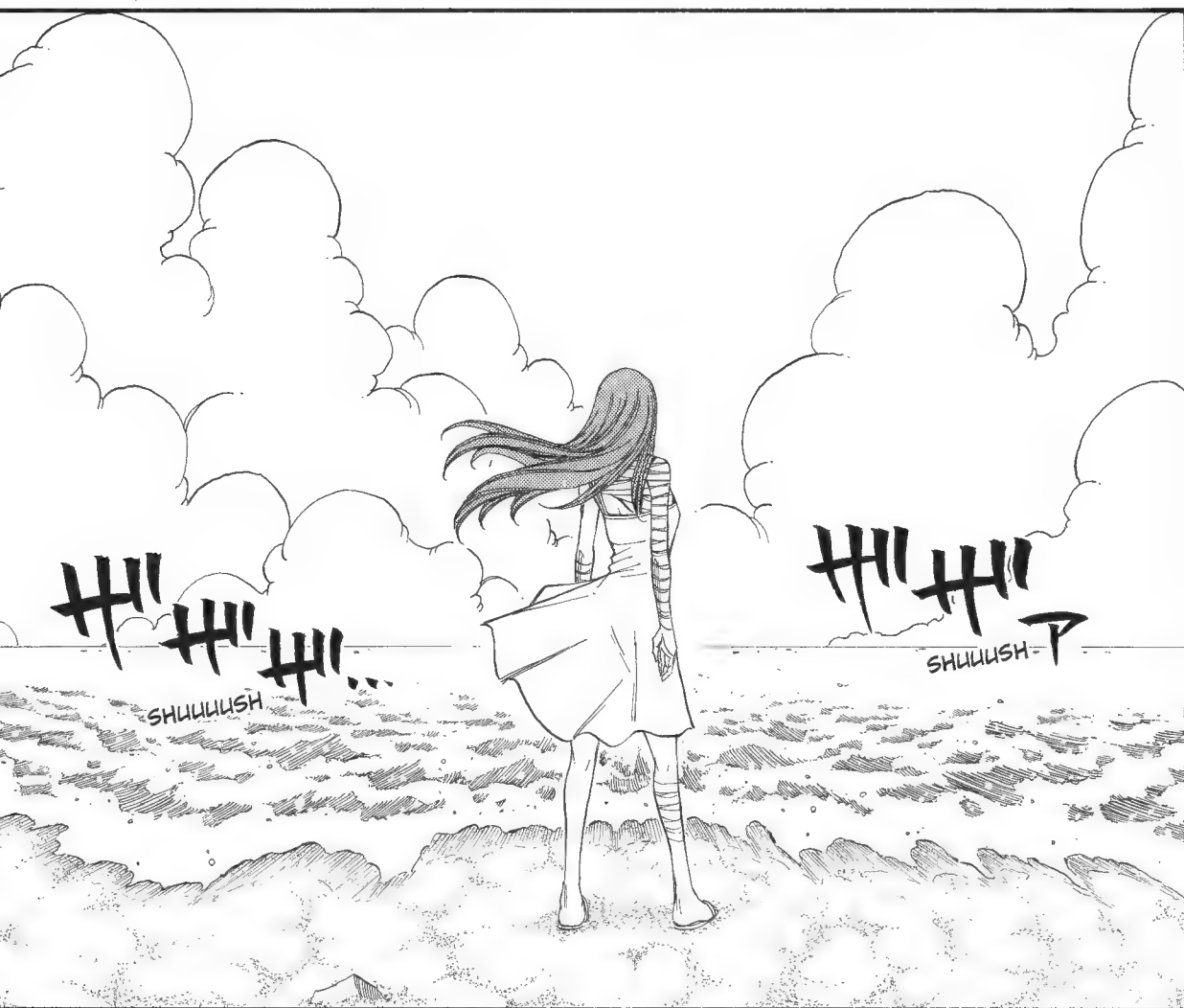
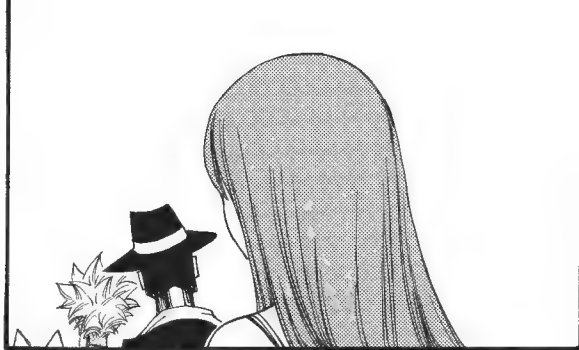
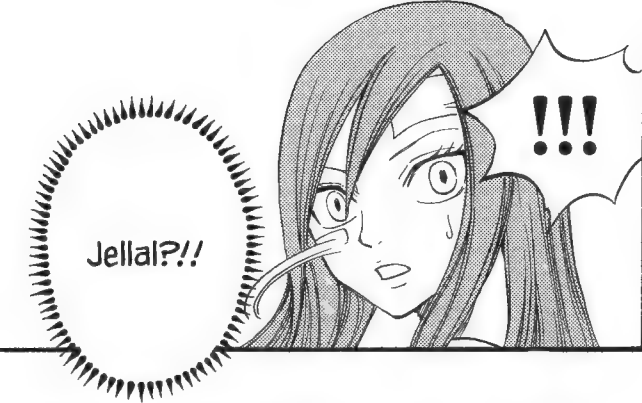
You've gotten stronger, Erza...

And tell Happy that I want to be his best friend!

Describe me as the world's best dandy, okay?

I have to give you and Natsu a real introduction.

Now, let's go back.

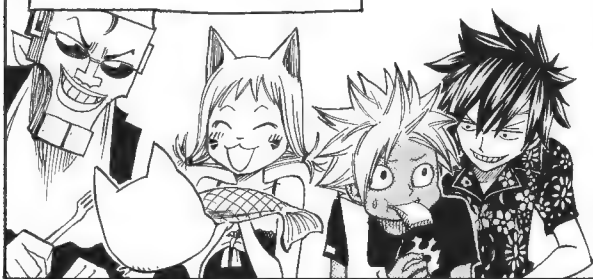




Erza looked so embarrassed when she quietly confided in us what she was thinking at that moment.

Then he took Erza's place and fused with Etherion's energy to send it escaping up into the sky.

Perhaps he was released from the control of Zeref's ghost, and he was able to return to the gentle Jellal he used to be.



She said that it's possible that the one who kept the tower from exploding was Jellal himself.

Thinking about it that way, things really add up.

After all, how could Natsu find a person broken down into molecules, and how could he restore that person to normal?

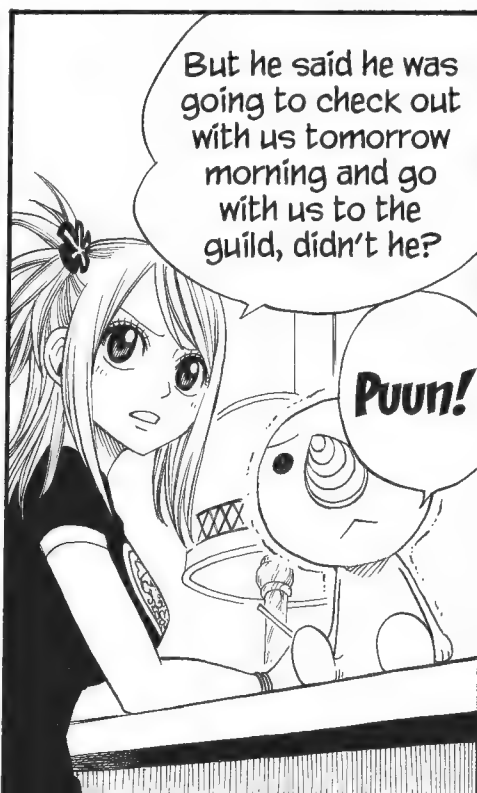
That would explain why Erza's body was never broken up.

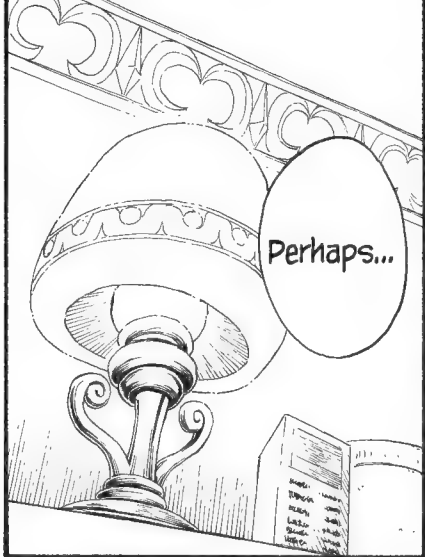


After all,
even Jellal
was a
victim of
Zeref's
ghost.

...that
would be
pretty
sad for
him,
huh?

But assuming
that Jellal
returned to his
former self at
that moment...



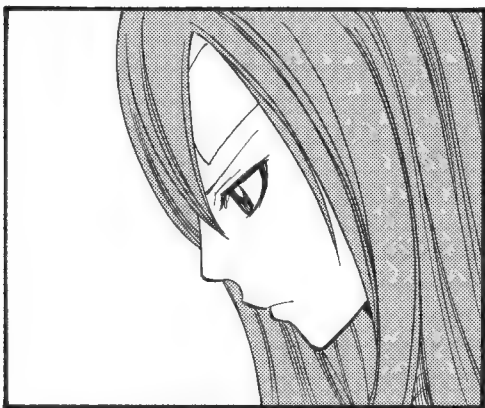


Perhaps...



He wouldn't have taken off without telling anybody, would he?!

カ SKRRT

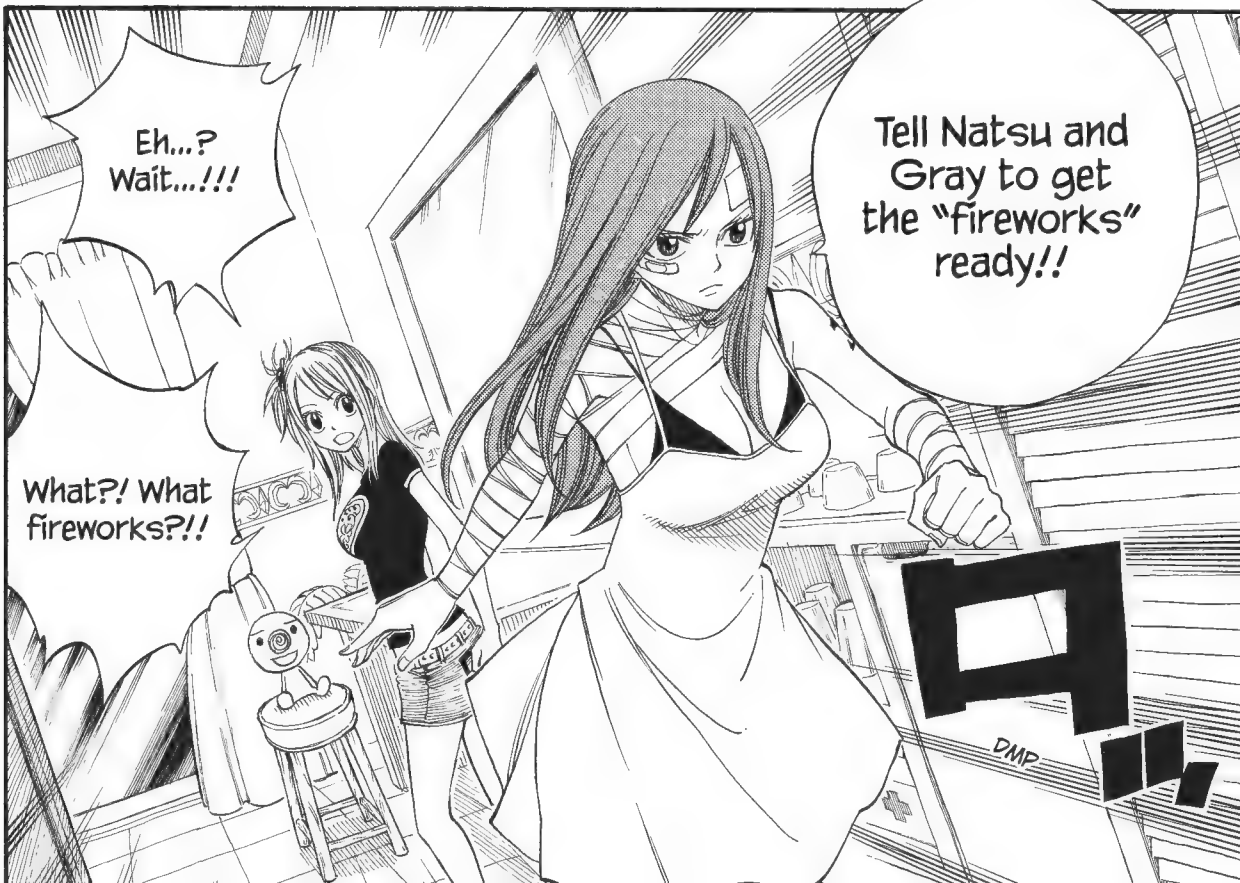


There's no reason for you to be separated anymore!!!



We have to go after him!!! I wonder what happened?!

THINK
HOTOH



Eh...? Wait...!!!

What?! What fireworks?!!

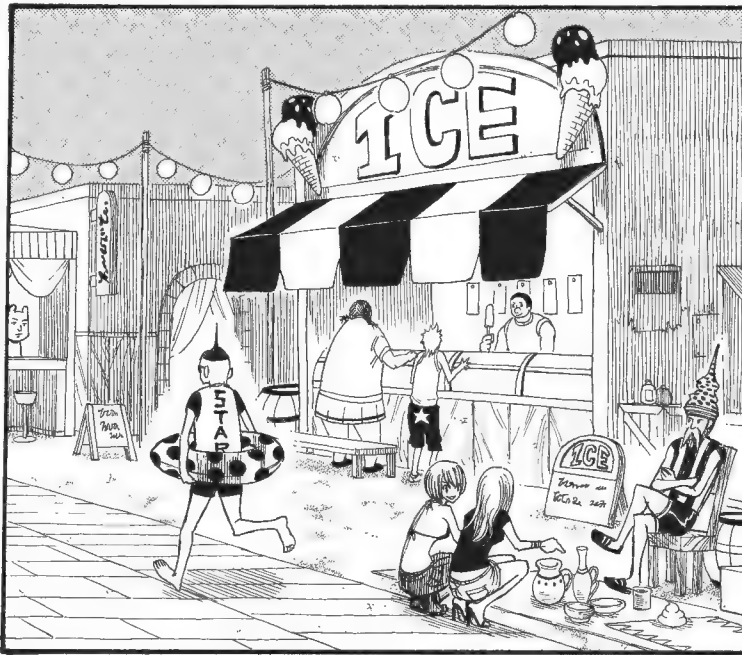
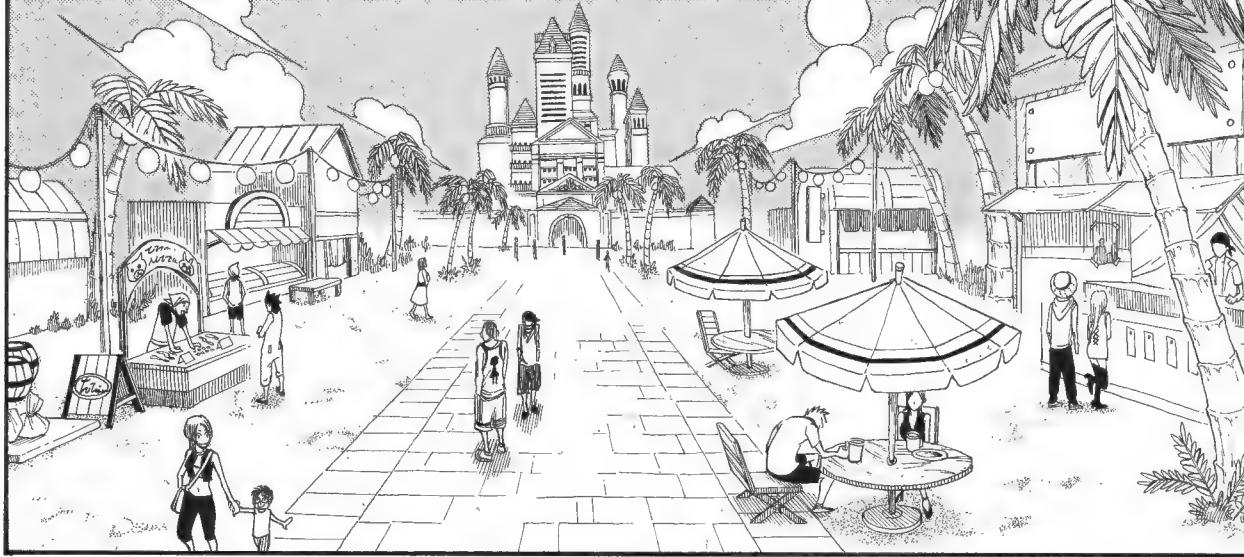
Tell Natsu and Gray to get the "fireworks" ready!!

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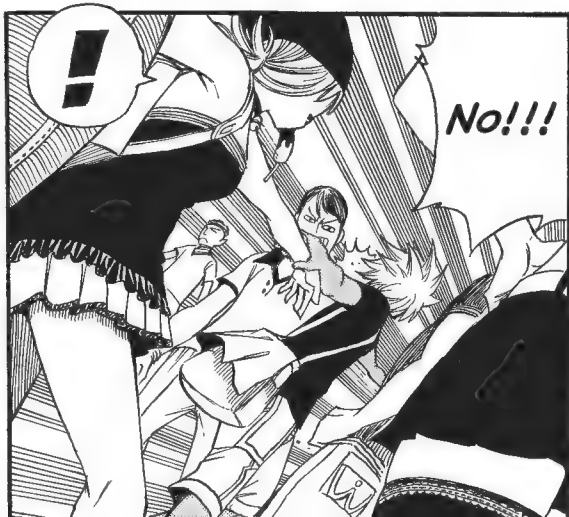
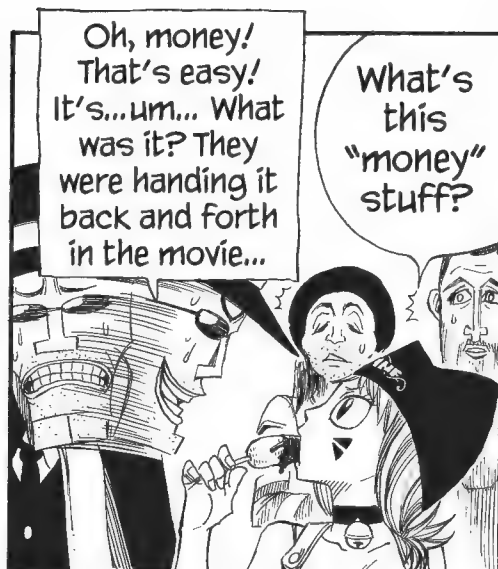
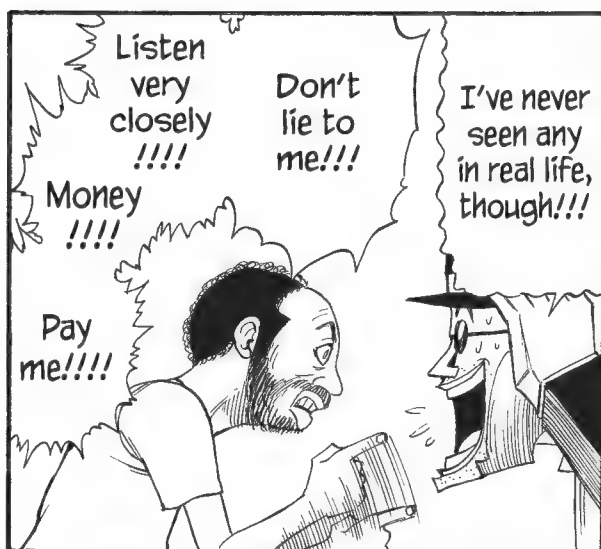
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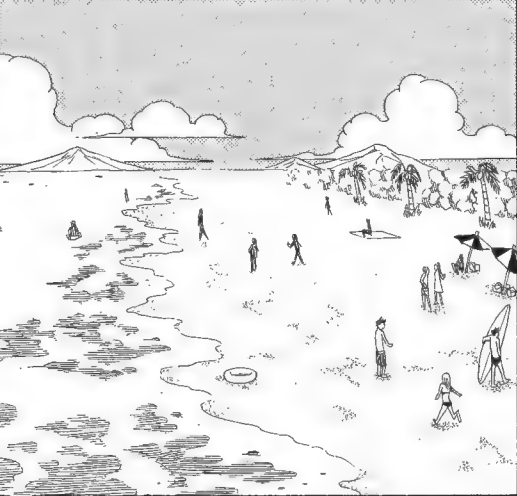


Chapter 102: Walk Strong









I don't want us to be a burden around Sis's neck any more than we already are!



It's not a question of "if"! We'll have to make it!!



Myaa!

I really wonder if we can make it here in the outside world.

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You three!!!



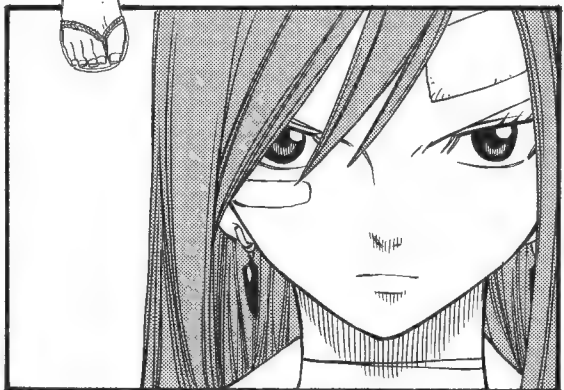
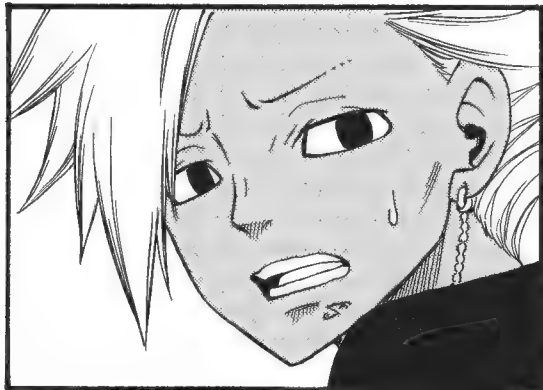
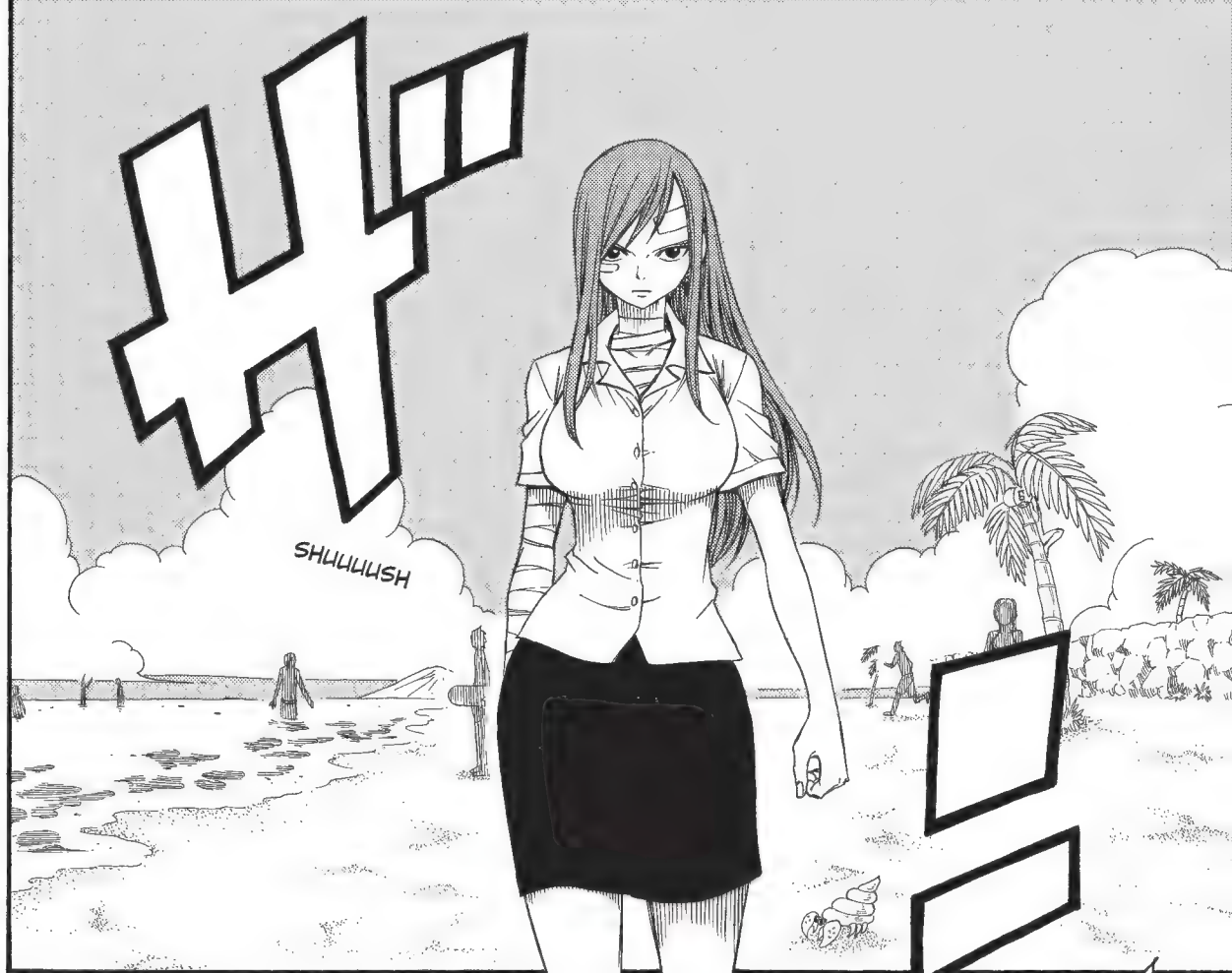
Right! We'll figure it out! Got it?!

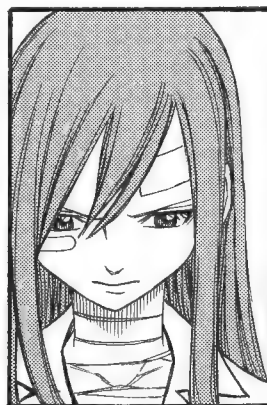
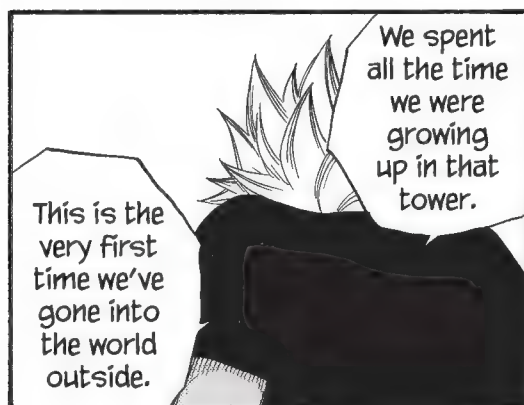
I'm pumped up!!!

Let's go!!! We have to get going before Sis and her friends notice that we're gone!!

SPLISH
SPLISH

SPLISH







**One must
never contact
former Fairy Tail
clients without
permission in
order to make a
profit for one's
self!!!!**

Second!!!

Third!!!

Sis...

What's a
"client"?

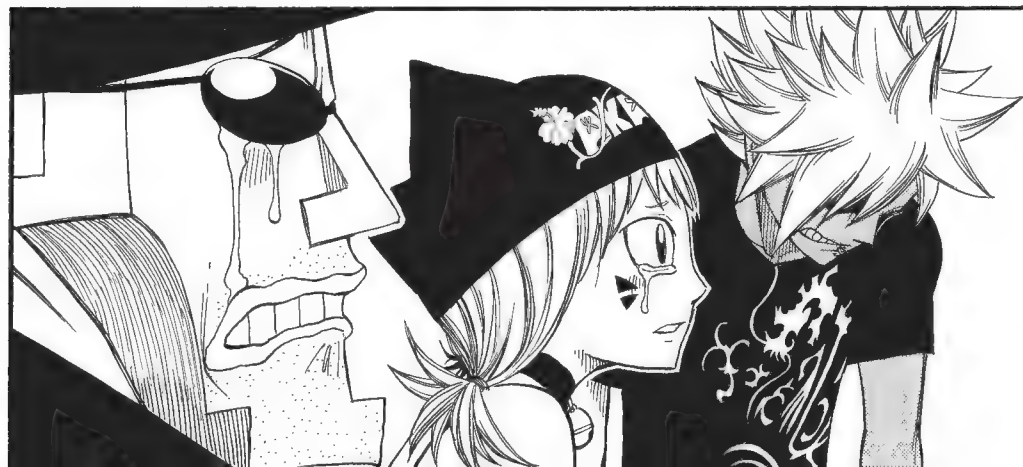
Does any of
us know any
kind of infor-
mation that
would put the
guild at a dis-
advantage?

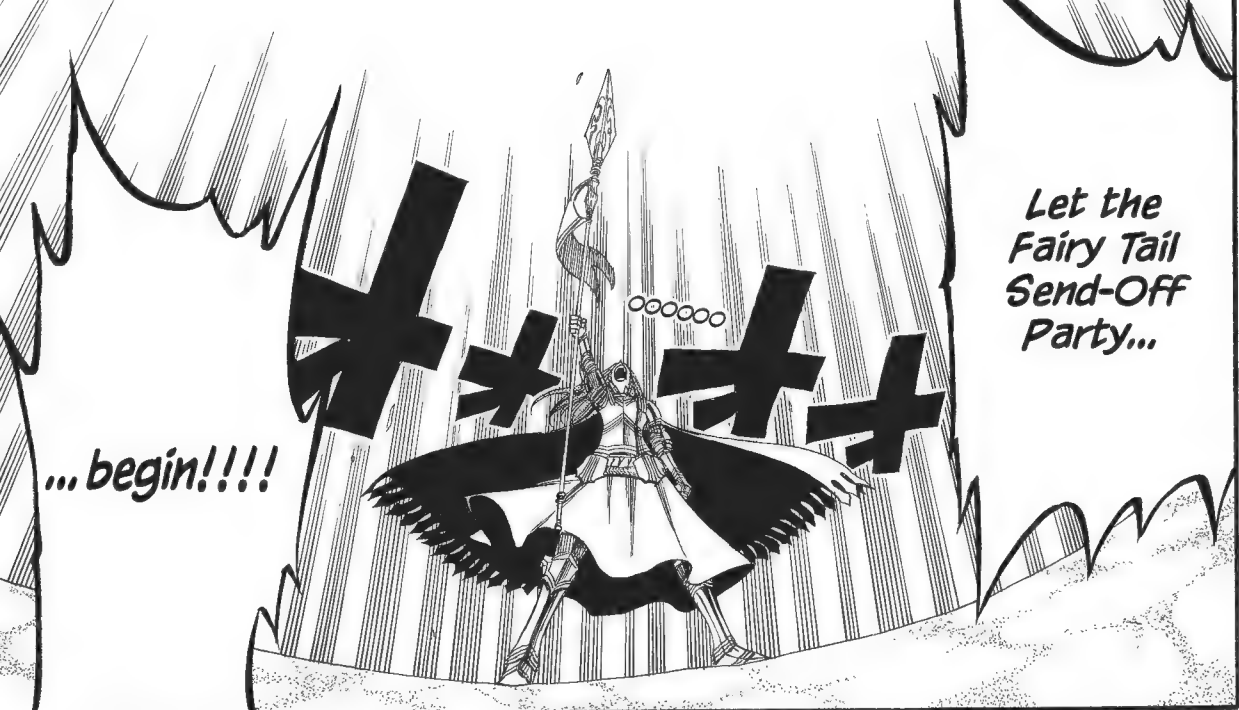
**You must live strong
and give your all,
even when making
mistakes!!!!**

**You must
never treat your
life as worthy
of anything less
than the greatest
respect!!!!**



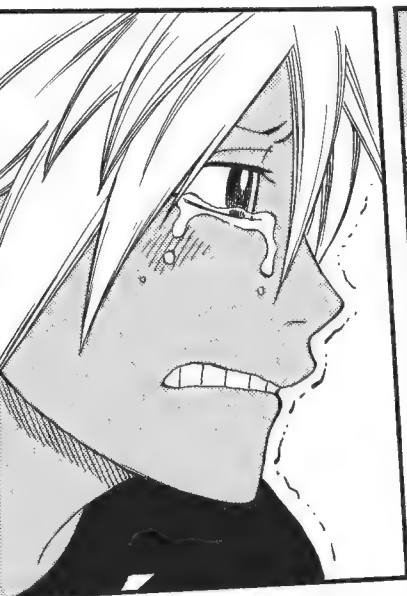
*And
during
every
moment
of your
entire
life, you
must
never
forget
those
friends
that you
love!!!!*





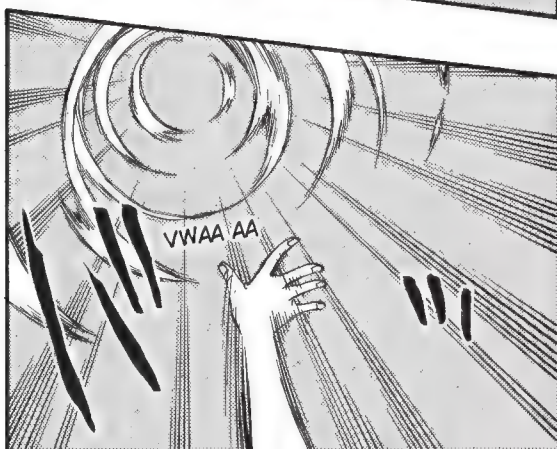
Let the
Fairy Tail
Send-Off
Party...

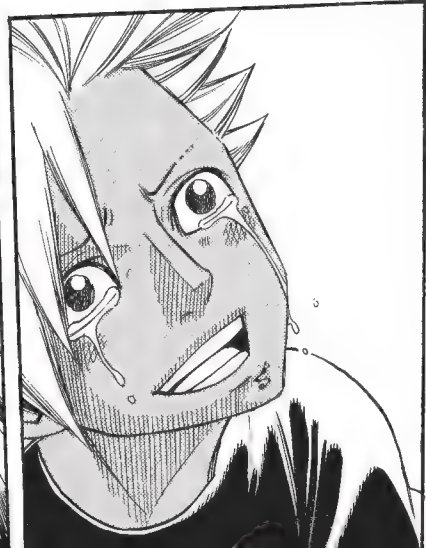
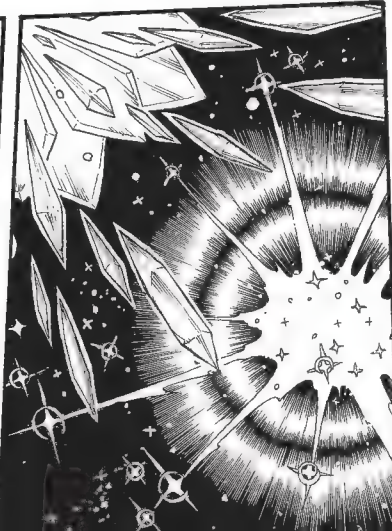
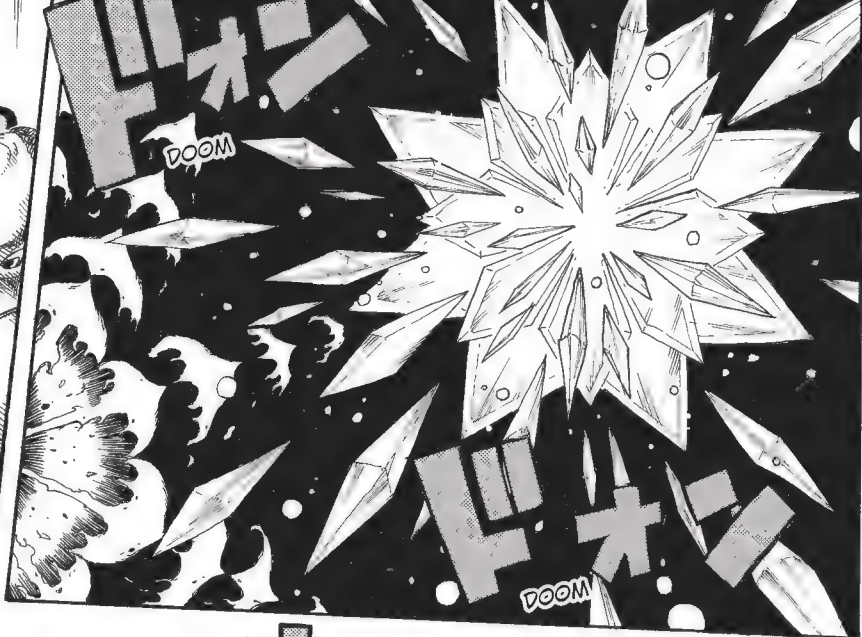
...begin!!!!



Hey, you
guys!!!
Let's meet
again!!!!







Our presence will
do nothing but
bring back painful
memories, Erza!

No!!! It's
just the
opposite,
Er-chan!!!

...then
we send
you off
with our
bless-
ings.

But if being with
us is something
that would hold
you back...

And...

Go where you
want, I will
never forget
you for a
moment!

It's the same
for everybody!!
Human beings have
that power within
themselves!!!

...Any painful
memories I
have today will
be nourishment
that makes me a
stronger person
tomorrow!!!

BOOOM



***So walk
strong!!!!***



***And I'll keep
walking strong
too!!!!***



We will meet again!
That's a promise!!!
Get it?!!

Bye-bye,
Er-chan!!

It's a promise!!!!

WHOOOOH!!!

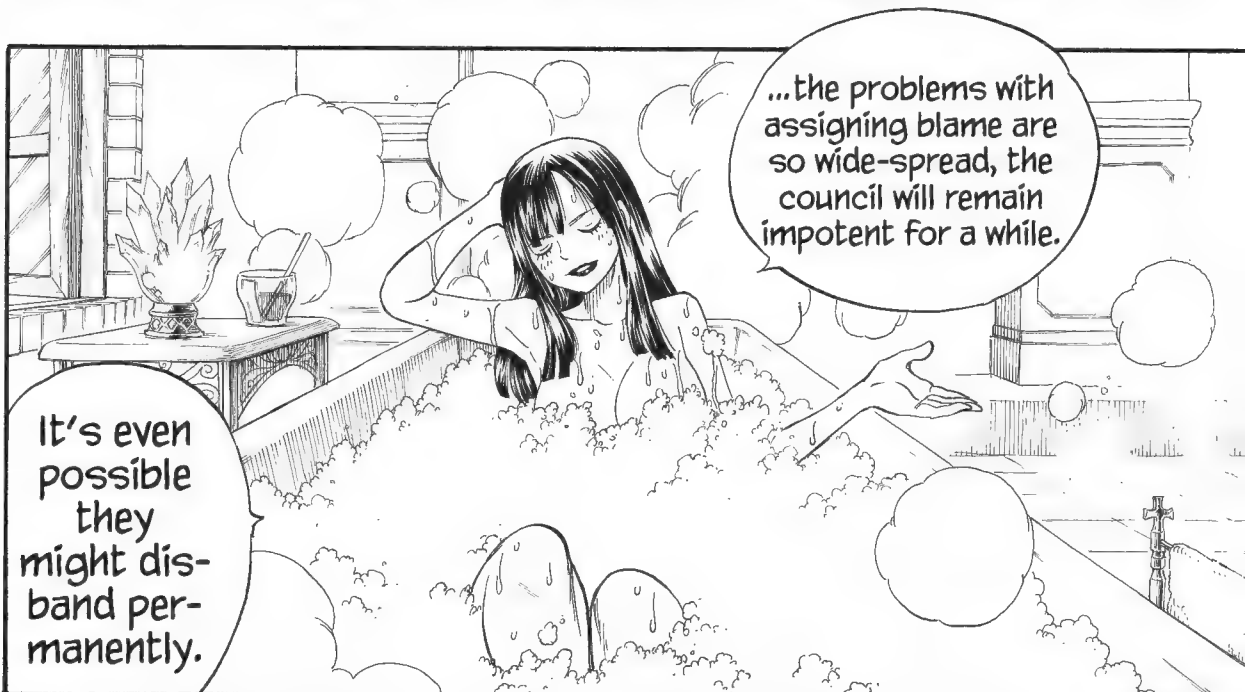
You too,
Sis...

*Farewell, and
take care!!!*

As long as you
don't forget this
day, we'll meet
again!!



And so...



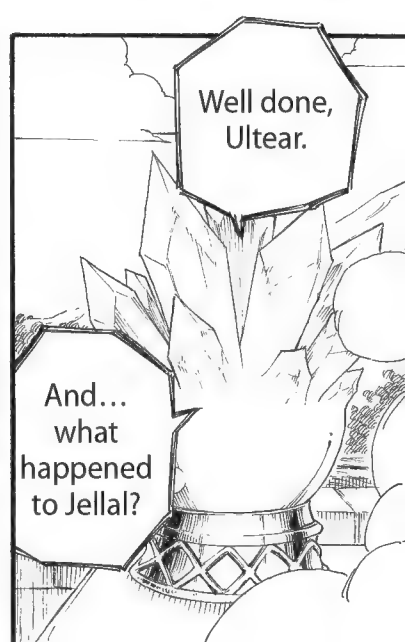
...the problems with assigning blame are so wide-spread, the council will remain impotent for a while.

It's even possible they might disband permanently.



Who knows...

I doubt that he's dead.



Well done, Ultear.

And... what happened to Jellal?



For eight years,
I acted the
part of Zeref's
ghost, and
he never once
noticed it.

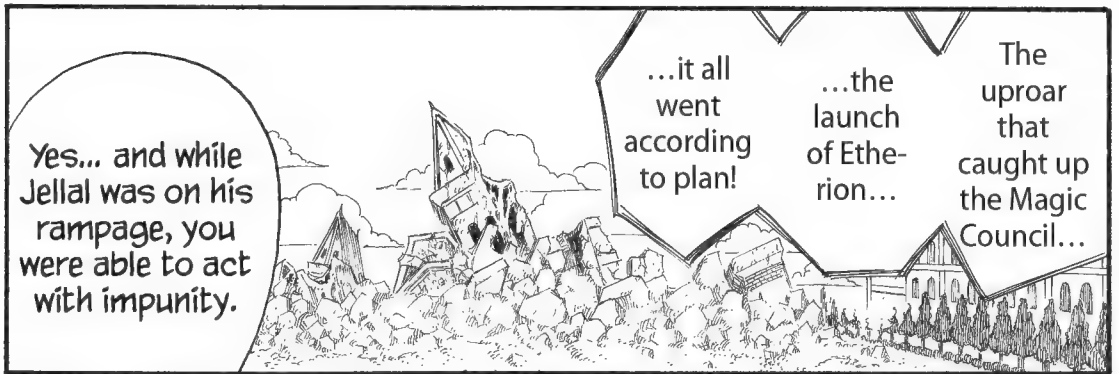


Poor man.
Convinced that
he's using a
woman who is
actually using
him.

Ha ha ha!
I found it
quite fun.
He was...
cute.



Your brain-
washing
techniques
made the
plan work
flawlessly.



Yes... and while
Jellal was on his
rampage, you
were able to act
with impunity.

...it all
went
according
to plan!

...the
launch
of Ethe-
rion...

The
uproar
that
caught up
the Magic
Council...



It was
impossible for
you to resurrect
Zeref right from
the start.

I should say,
it is impossible
for *anybody* to
resurrect him.




Ha ha...

Sorry
about
that,
Jellal-
sama!



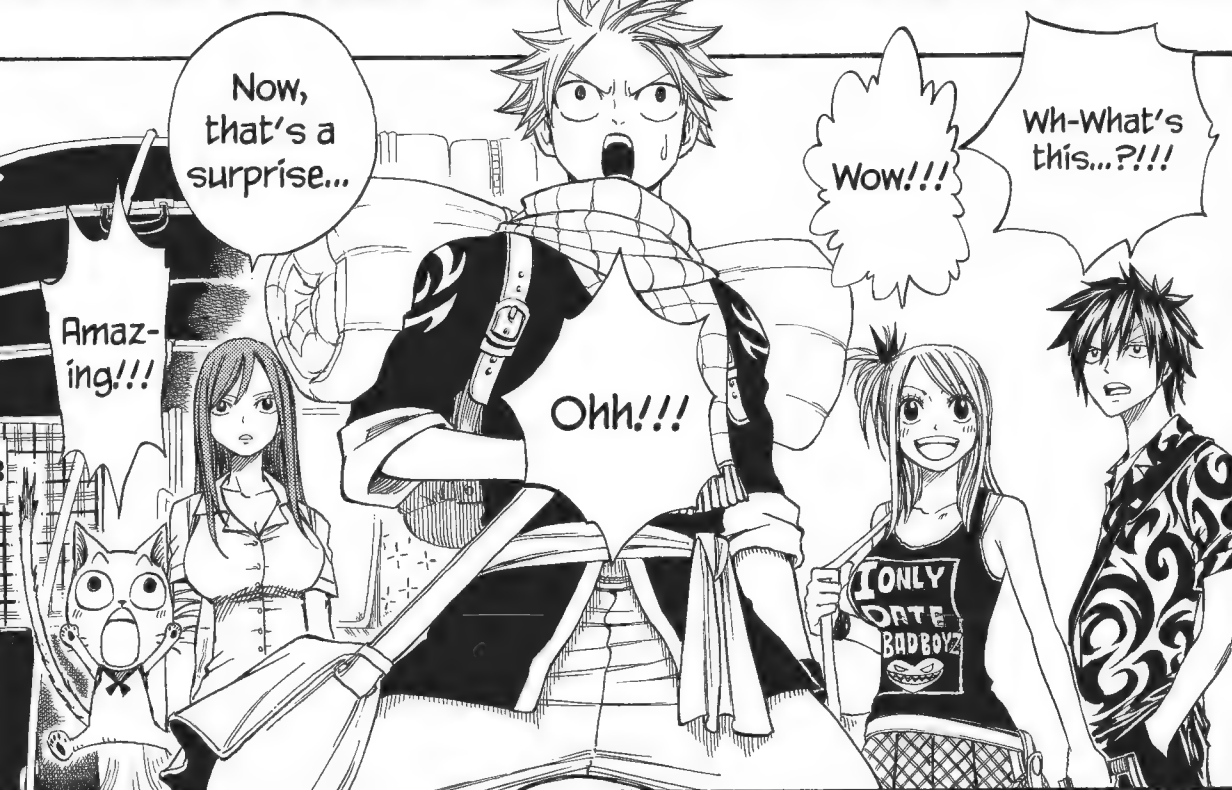
Thanks to that,
one key to
breaking the seal
is now mine!

Congrat-
ulations.
♥



After all,
how can you
resurrect
someone who
is still alive?!!

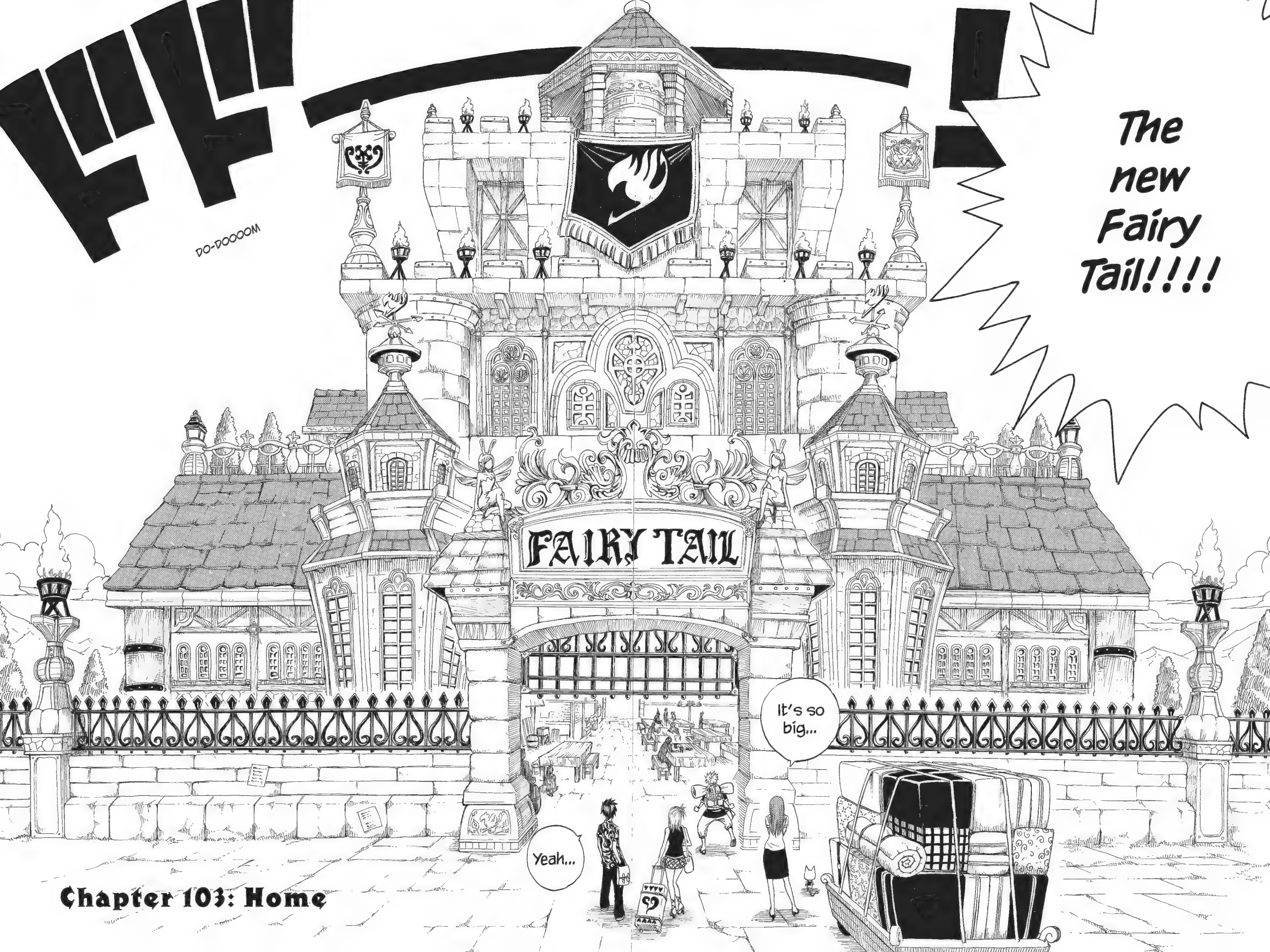
*Alive, and
merely
sleeping...*



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DO-DOOOOM

The
new
Fairy
Tail!!!!

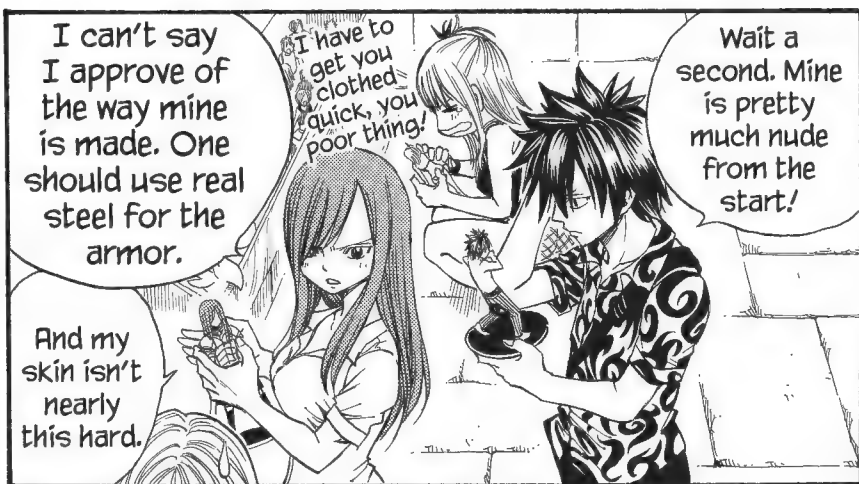
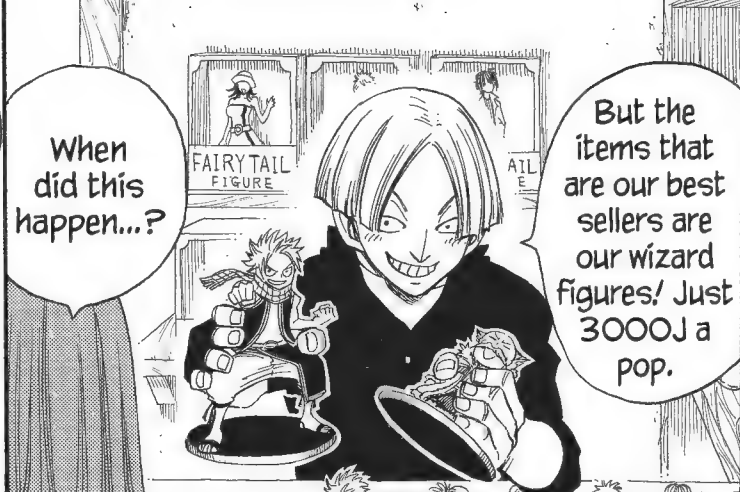


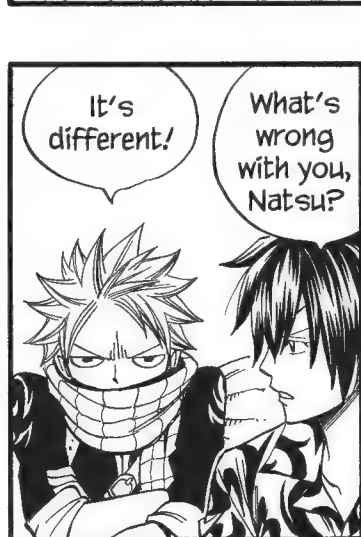
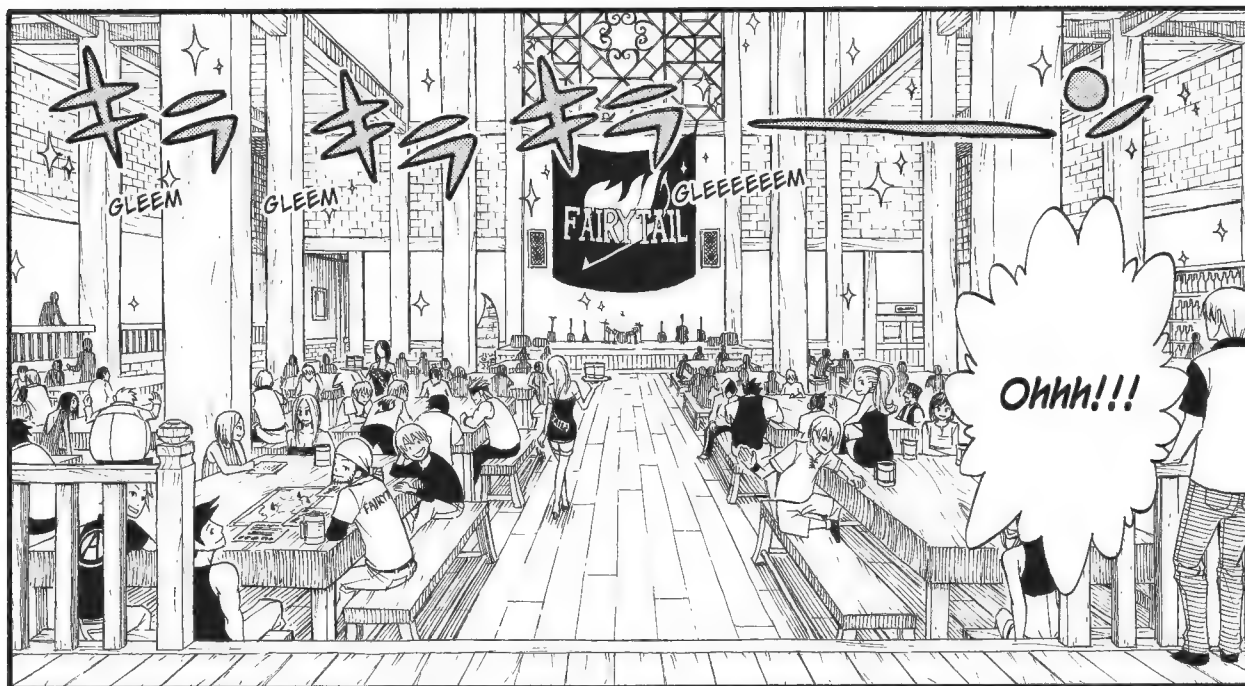
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big...

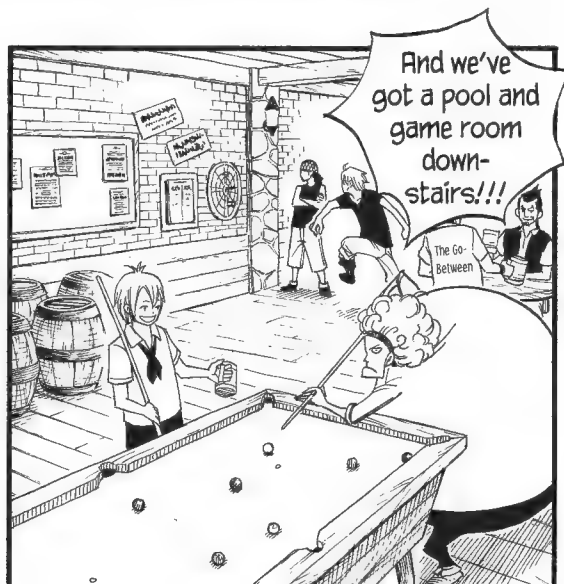
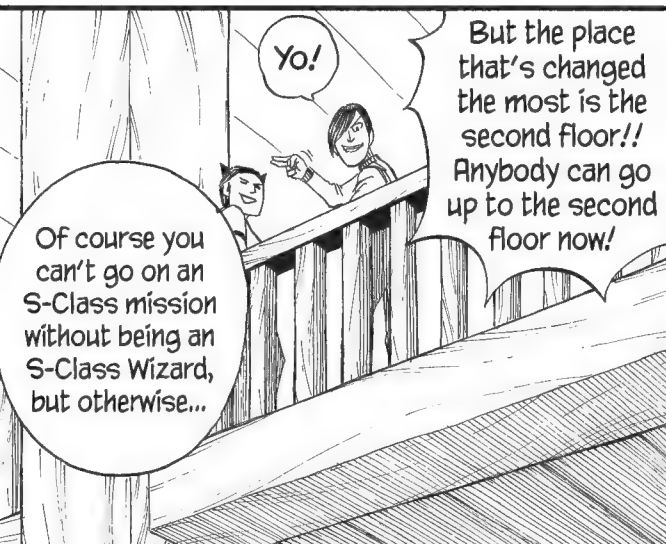
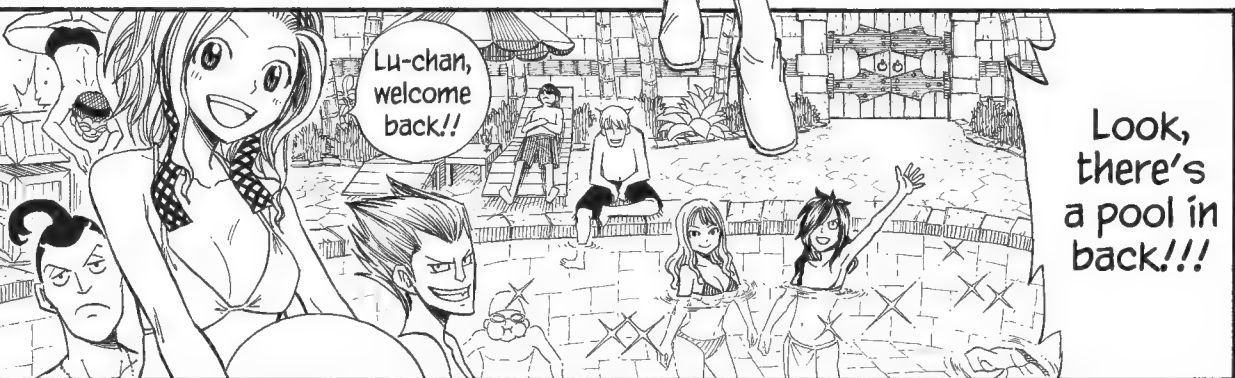
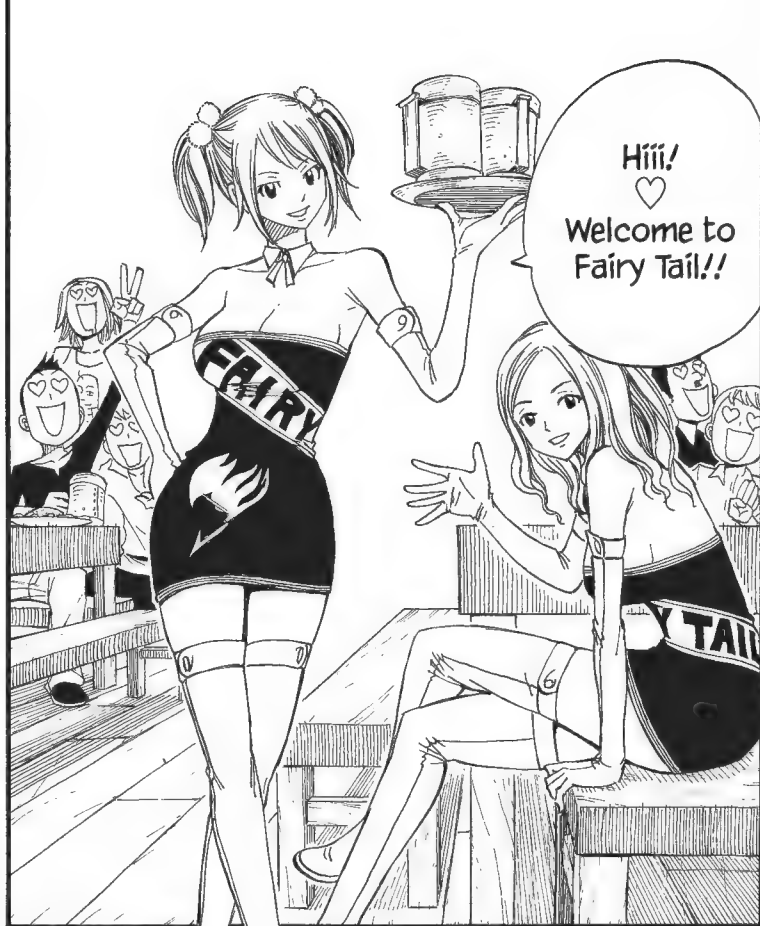
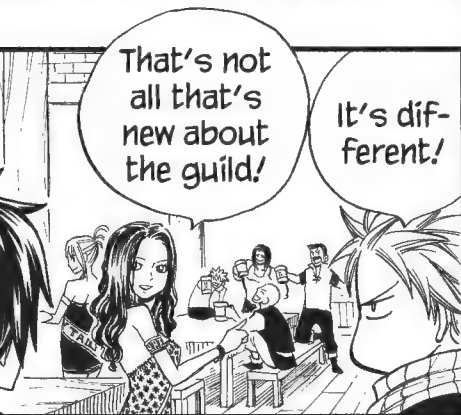
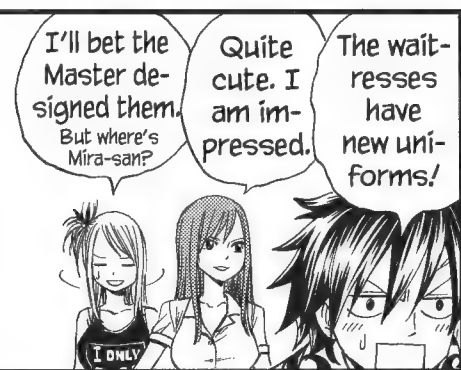
Yeah...

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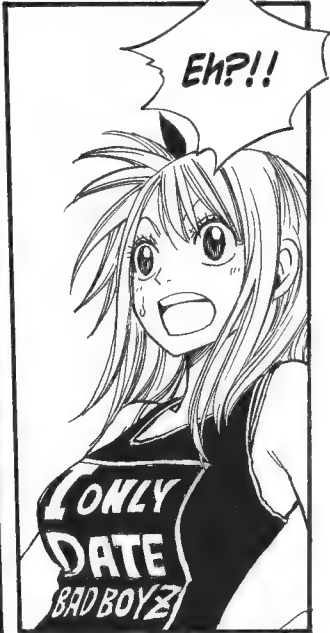
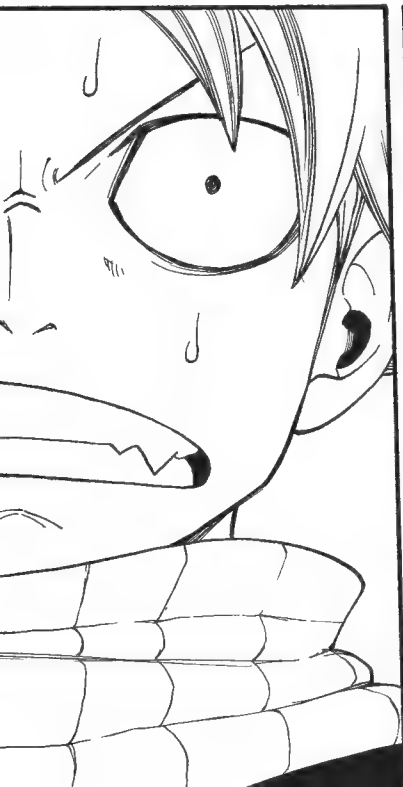
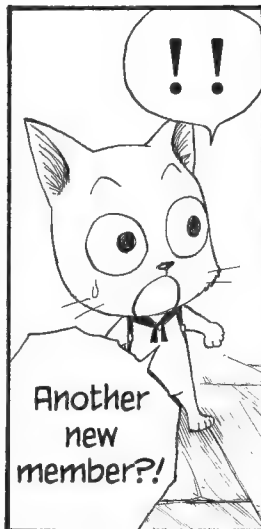
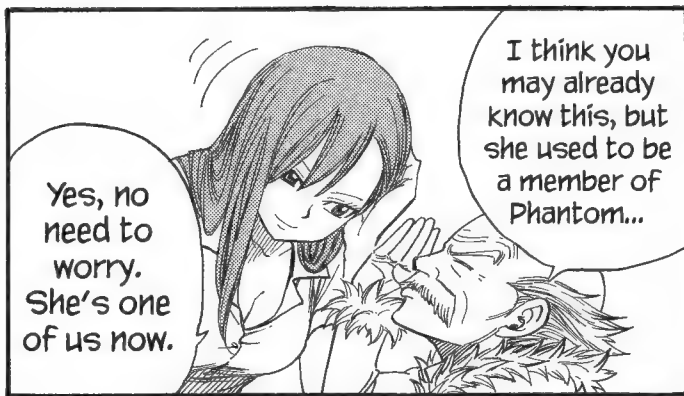
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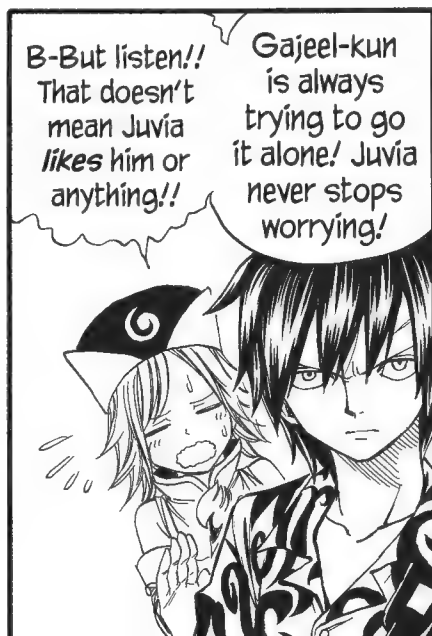
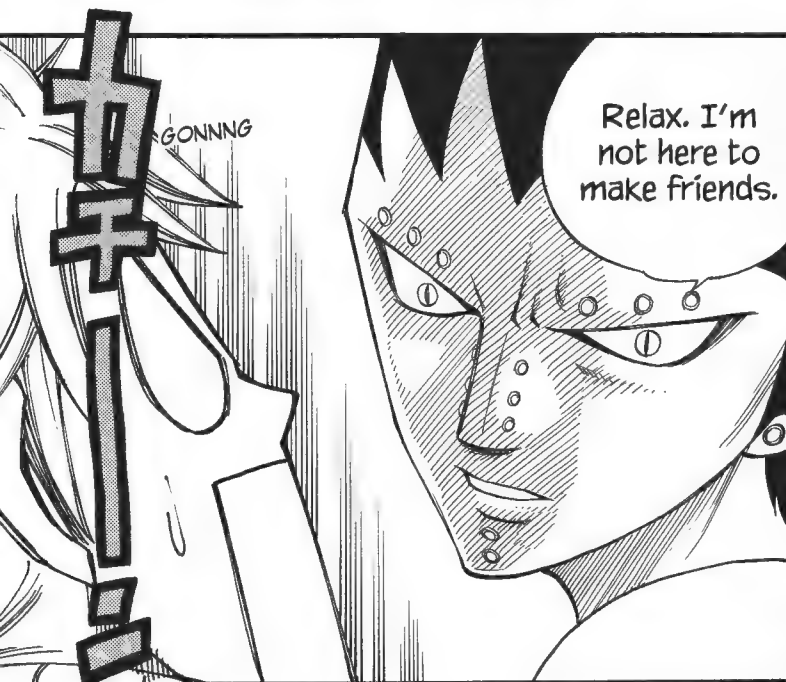
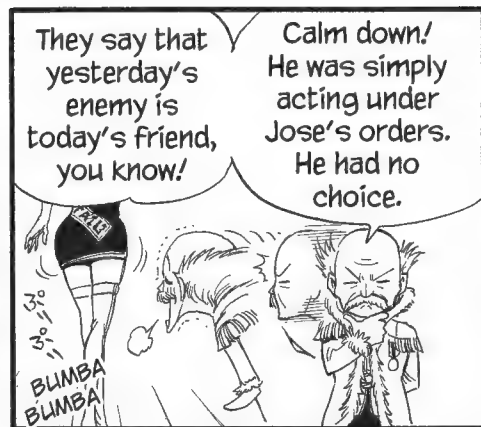
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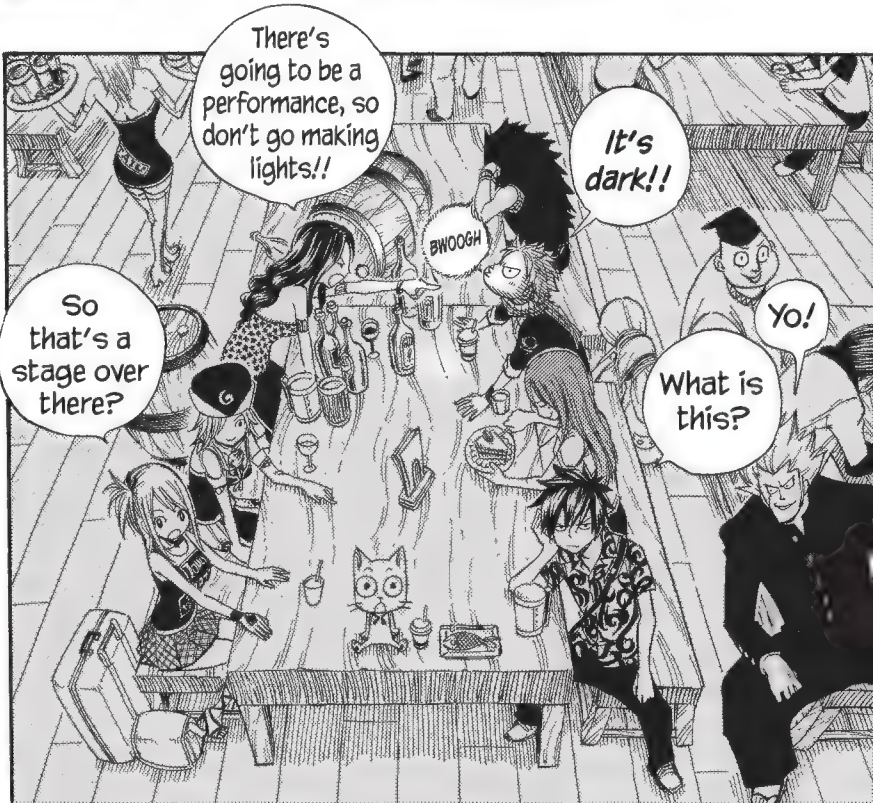
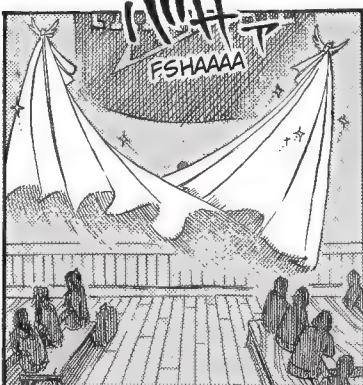
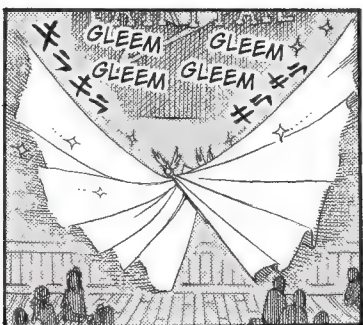
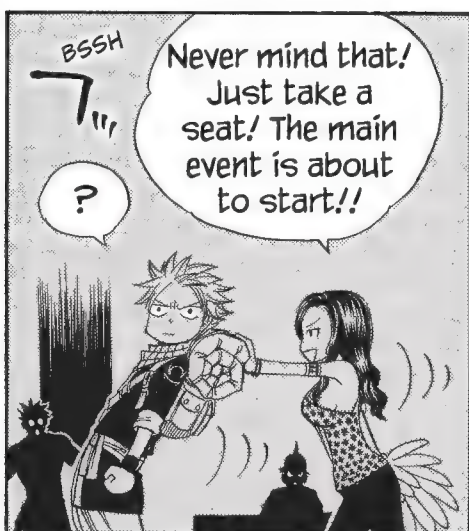
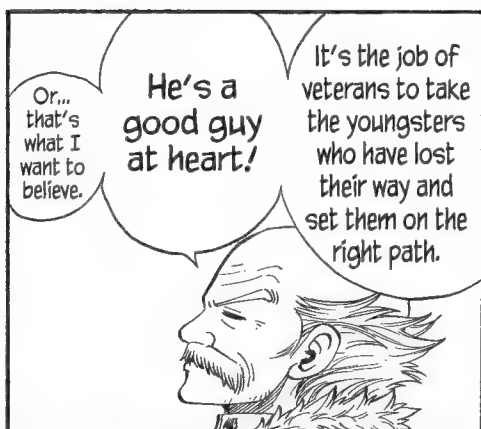
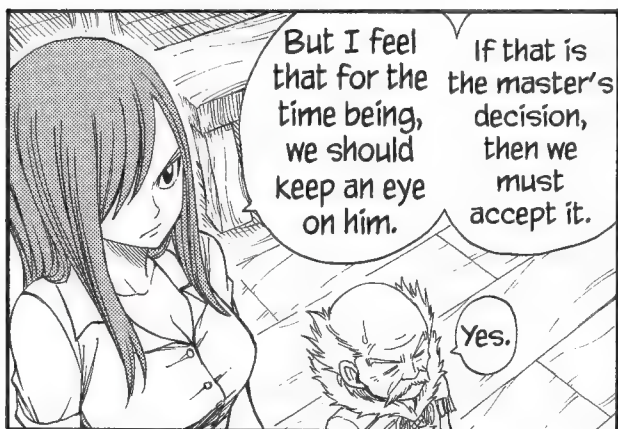
I can go up to the second floor?!

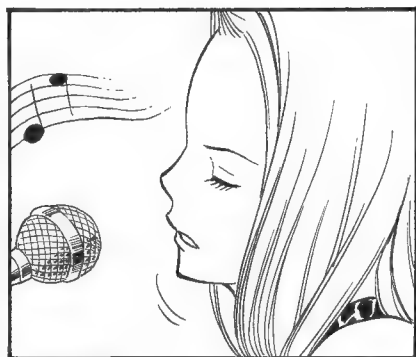
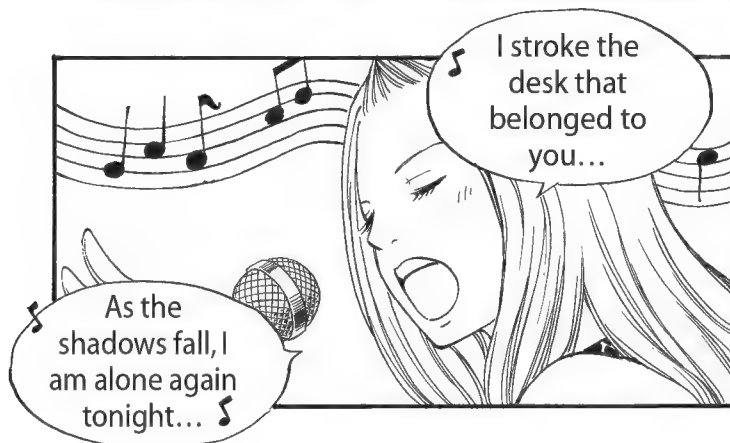


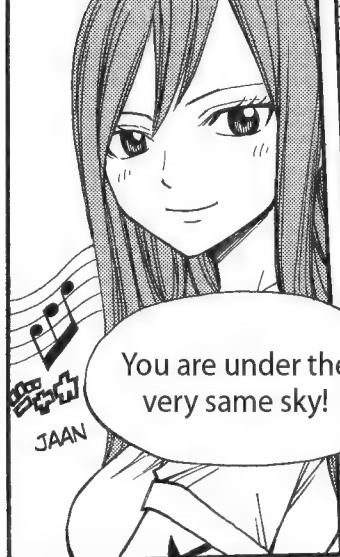












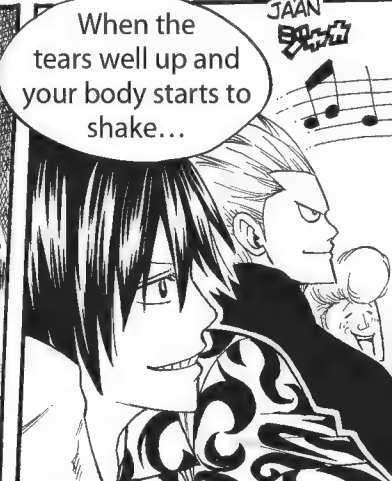
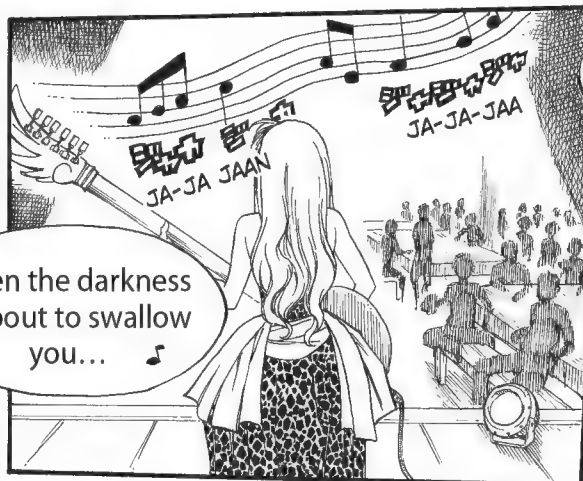
You are under the
very same sky! ♪



I look to the sky and
make my prayer... ♪



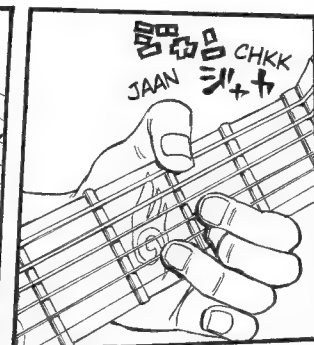
When the darkness
is about to swallow
you... ♪



When the
tears well up and
your body starts to
shake... ♪



A place to come back
to... ♪



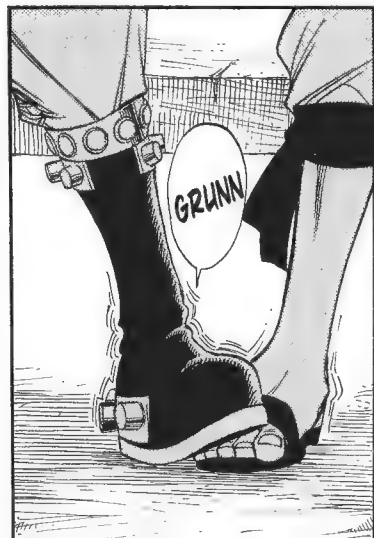
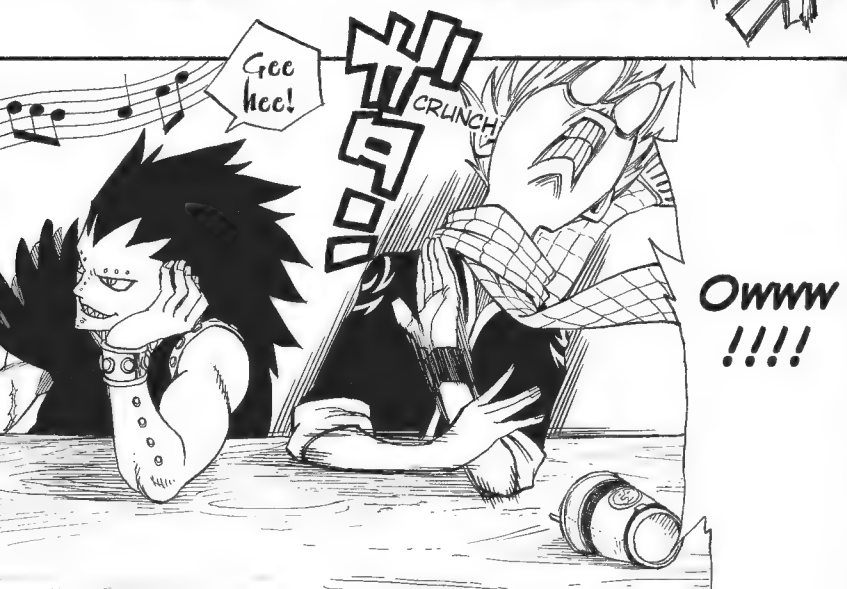
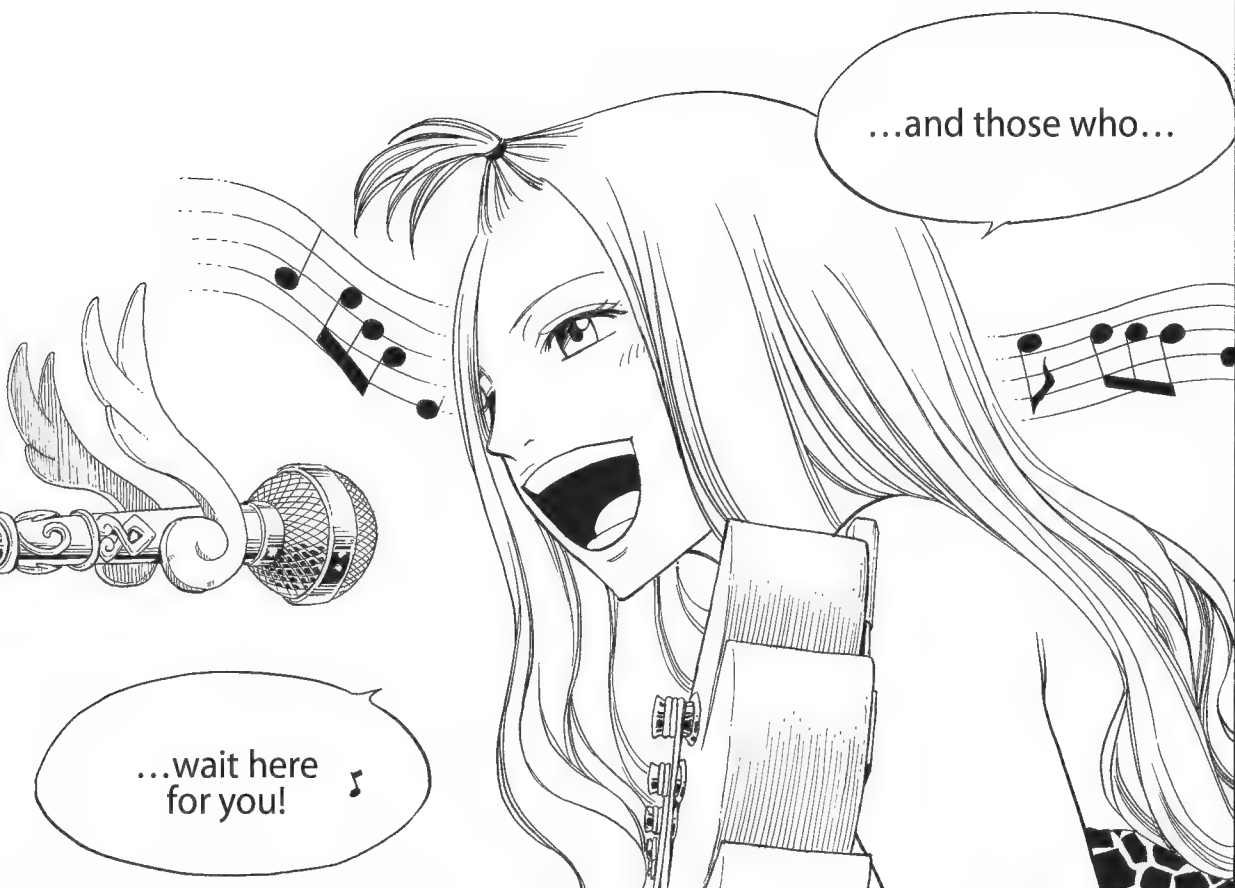
...that you have a
place... ♪



Never forget... ♪

It's a
song for
wizards
going out
on a job.

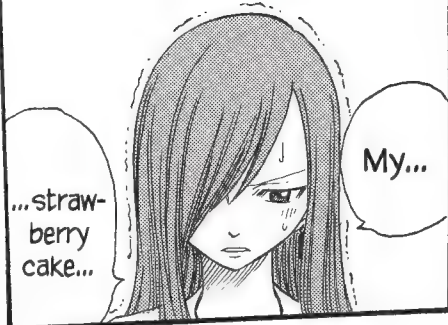
What a
pretty
song!







No
more
noise
out of
you!!!!



I suppose
this is no
time to be
singing
ballads,
huh?





...I guess
this is what
Fairy Tail is,
huh?

But...



FAIRY TAIL



FAIRY TAIL	
Name: Juvia Lockser	Age: 17 yrs.
Magic: Water	
Likes: Gray-sama	Dislikes: Rain



Remarks

Originally a member of Phantom Lord's Element 4. Ever since she fell for Gray, she's been interested in Fairy Tail. Seeing how much fun the members were having made her even more interested.

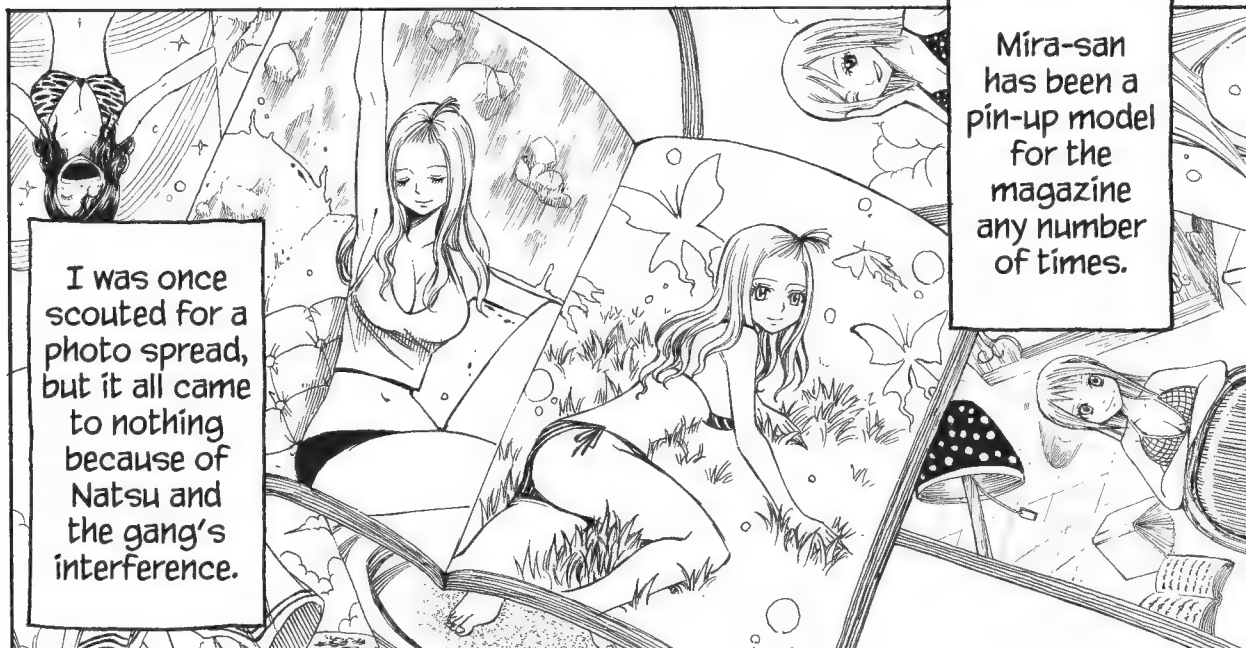
She has not only mastered all versions of water magic, she can also transform her own body into water. In her past, she was a Rain Bringer so powerful some would call her a "Super Rain Bringer," however recently that aspect seems to have been cured.

Just before entering the guild, she changed her clothing and hairstyle to match Fairy Tail easier, but even so, those around her are still pretty afraid of her.



The Sorcerer Weekly. It comes out every Wednesday.

It's a popular magazine for wizards that covers all of the latest magical items, introduces the hottest guilds, and runs photo spreads of the prettiest female wizards.



I was once scouted for a photo spread, but it all came to nothing because of Natsu and the gang's interference.

Mira-san has been a pin-up model for the magazine any number of times.

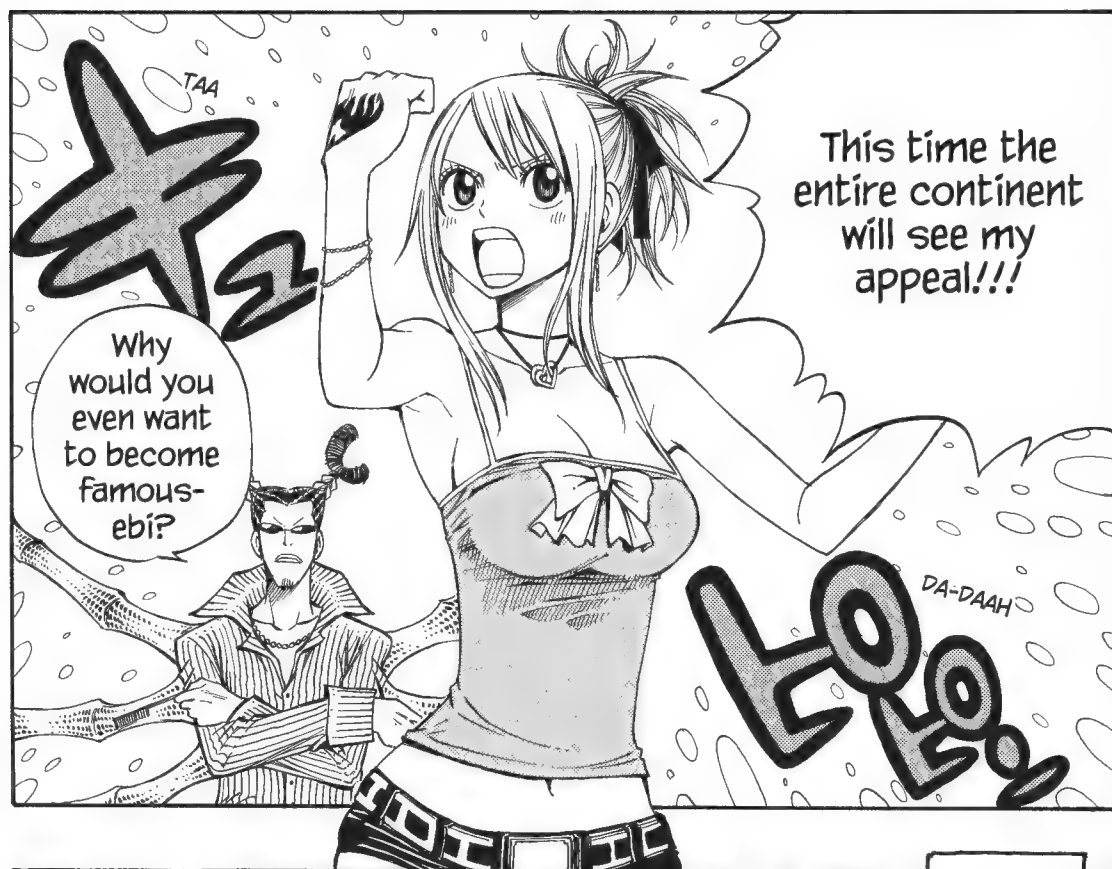


Hey!!
I may be
flaunting
dangerous
beauty
today!

This
time for
sure...

It's
perfect-
ebi!!

This time,
they're
sending a
reporter to
do a special
piece on
Fairy Tail...



Why
would you
even want
to become
famous-
ebi?

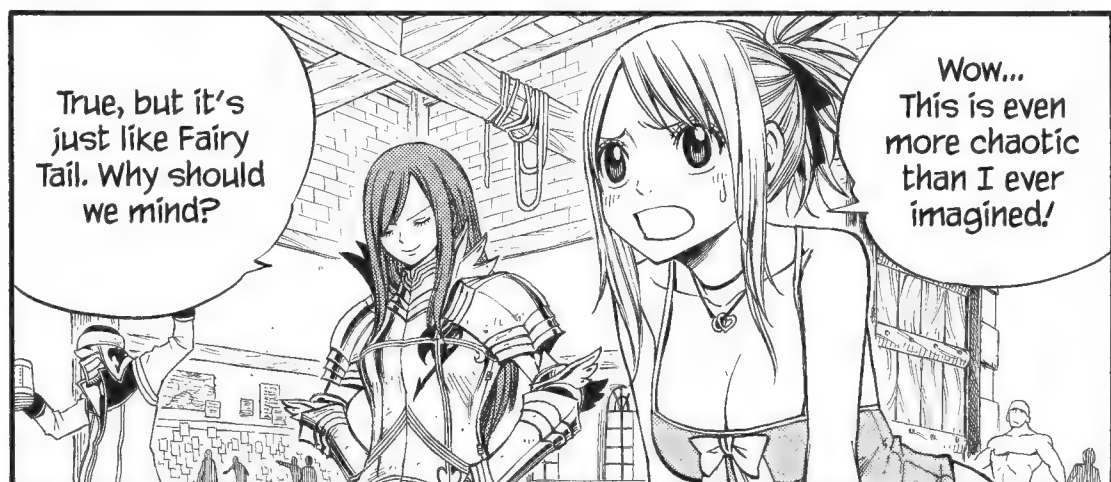
This time the
entire continent
will see my
appeal!!!

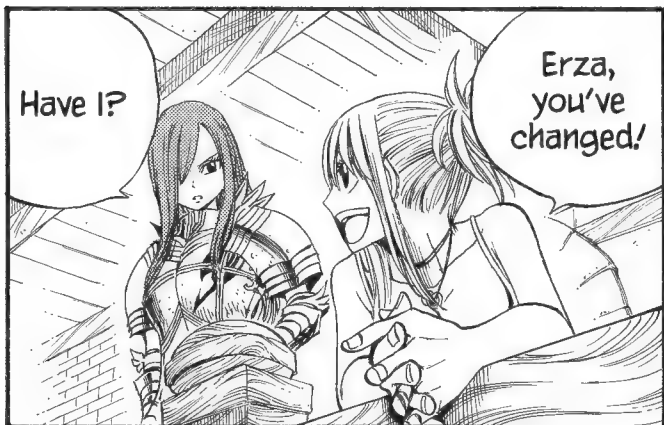


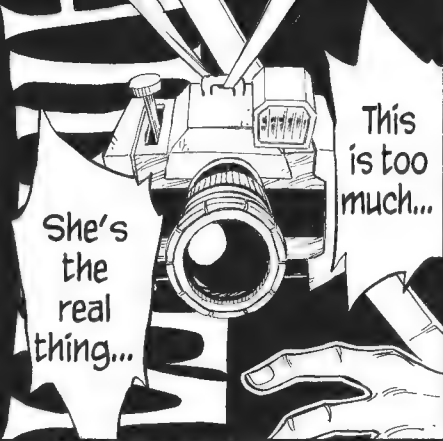
...I
had no
idea...

When
I left
home
that
day...









She's the real thing...

This is too much...



Ohhh!!!
Titania!!!



It's Erza in the flesh!!!
Cooooool!!!

Cool!!
Cool!!
Cooooool!!!

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Sorcerer Weekly
Reporter
Jason



No problem!!!
I was really hoping to see the guild as they actually are!!!

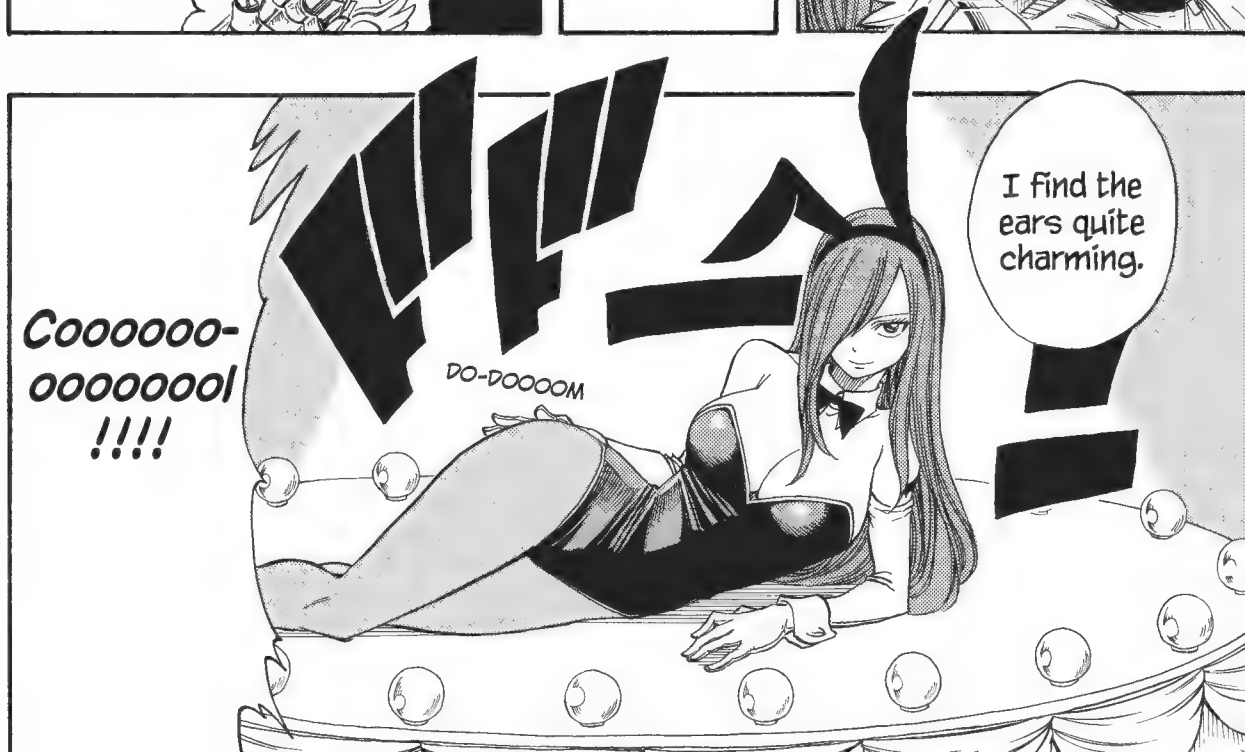
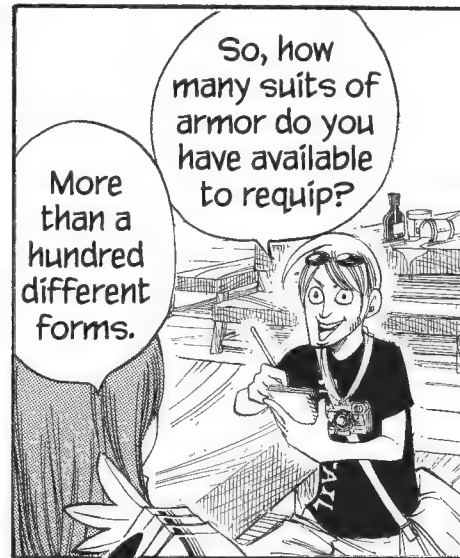
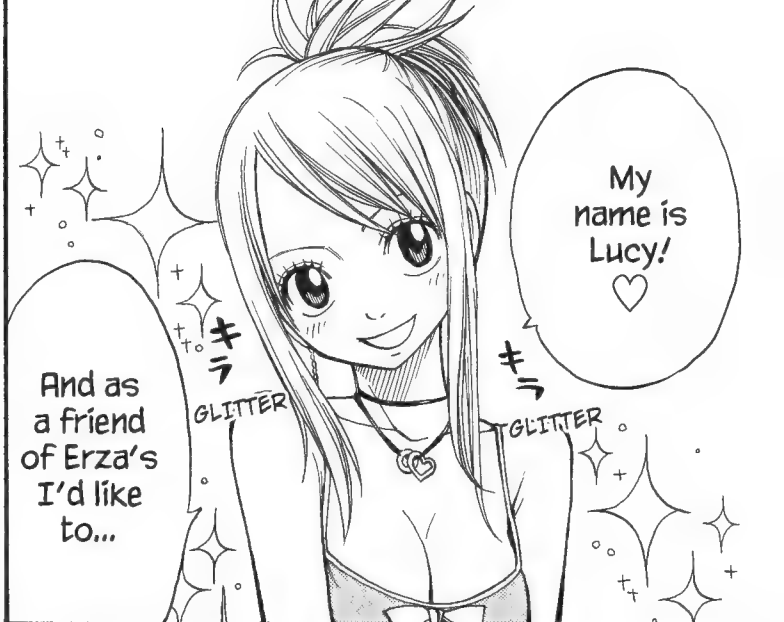
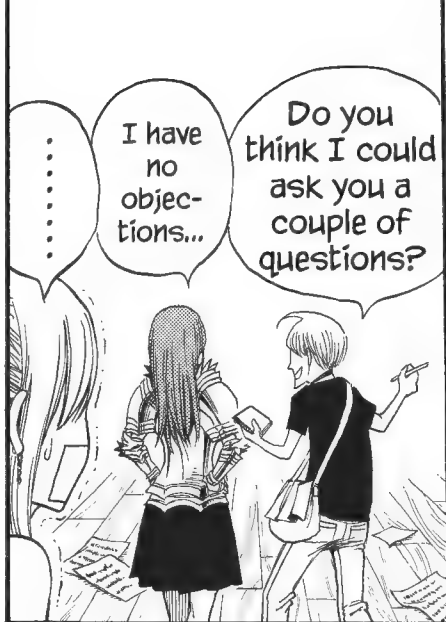
I must apologize for the mess my colleagues are...

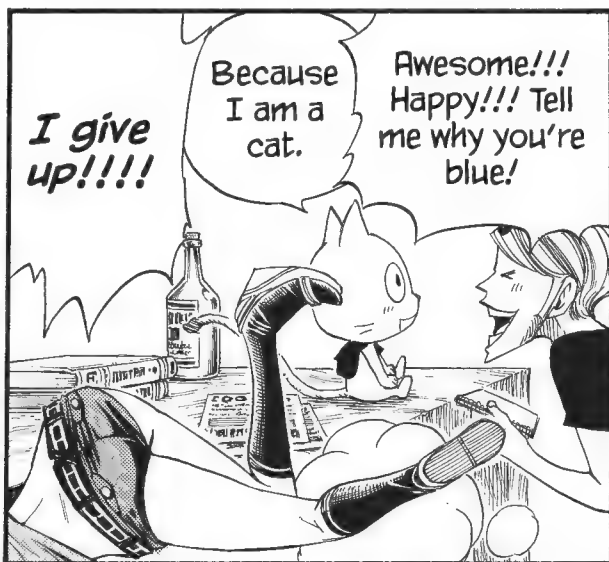
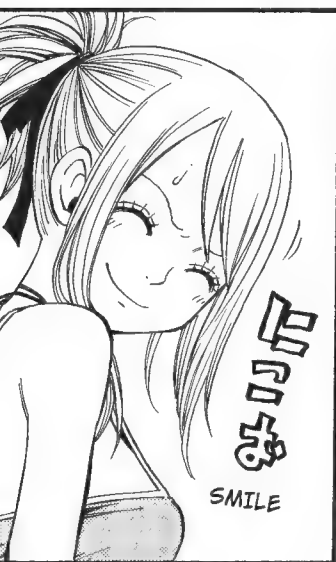
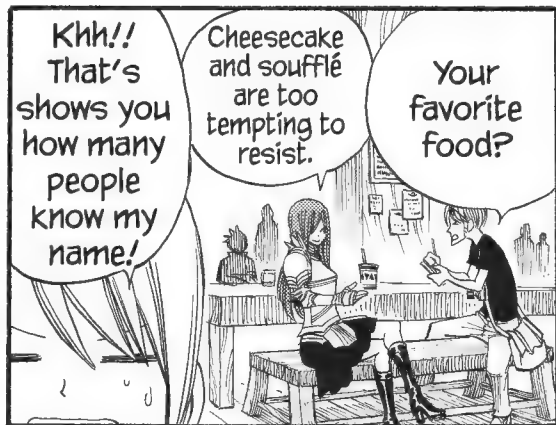


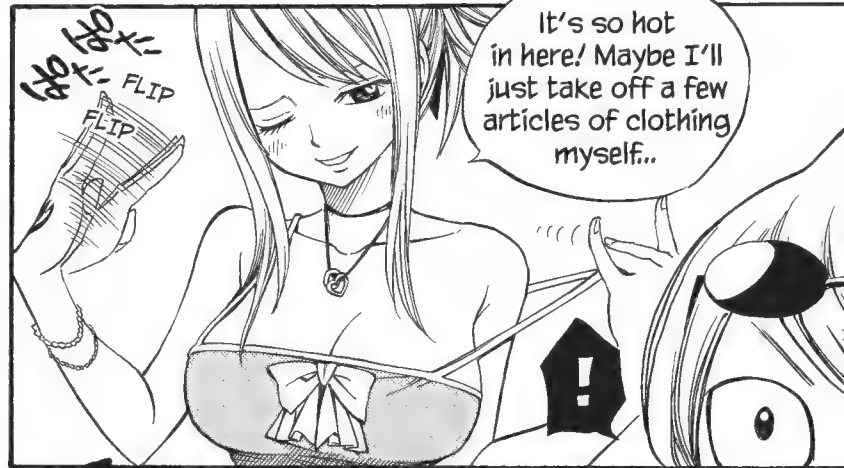
So he's here so soon?

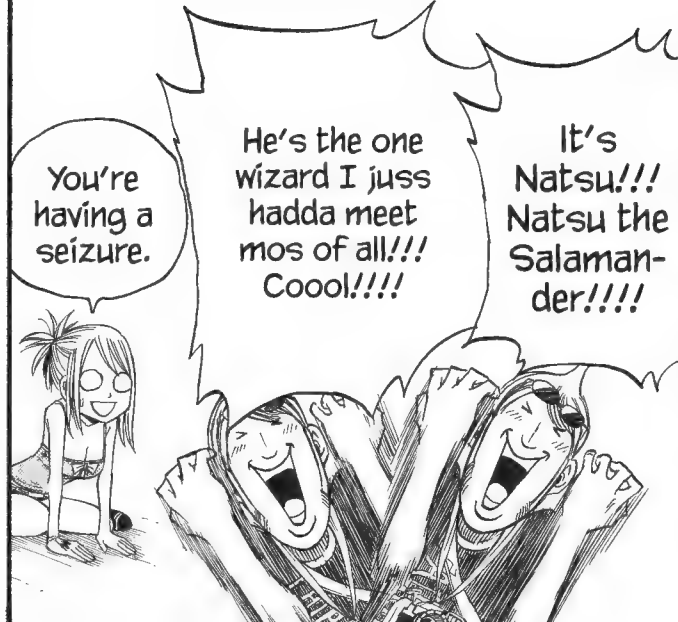
Is he from Sorcerer Weekly?
He's over energized!!

Gooool









You're having a seizure.

He's the one wizard I juss hadda meet mos of all!!!
Cool!!!!

It's Natsu!!!
Natsu the Salamander!!!!



Cool!
Cool!!
Cool!!!!

About how I broke this thing, and smashed that thing, and destroyed the other thing!!!!

Yes!!!

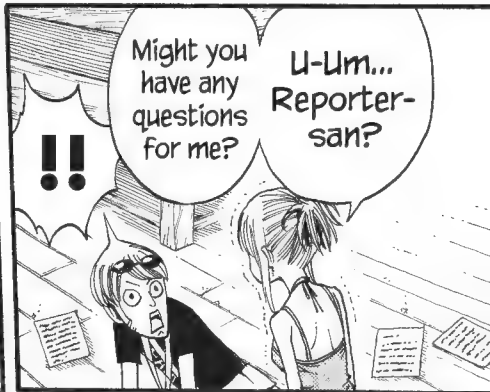
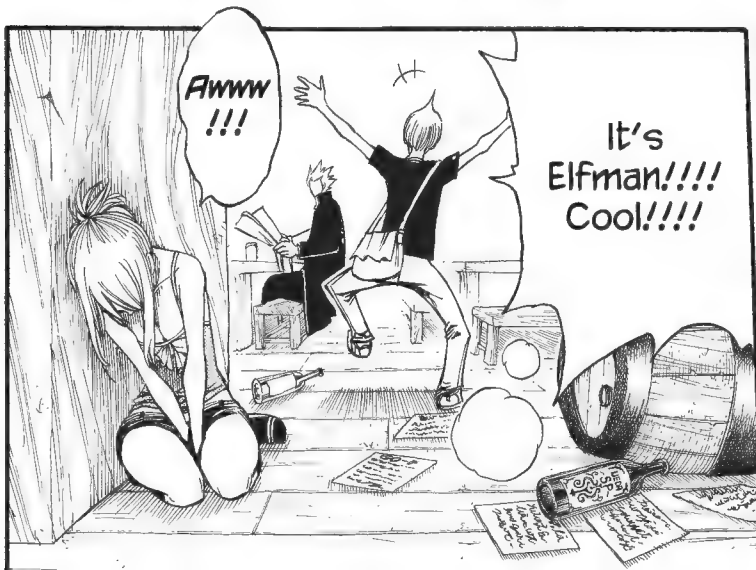
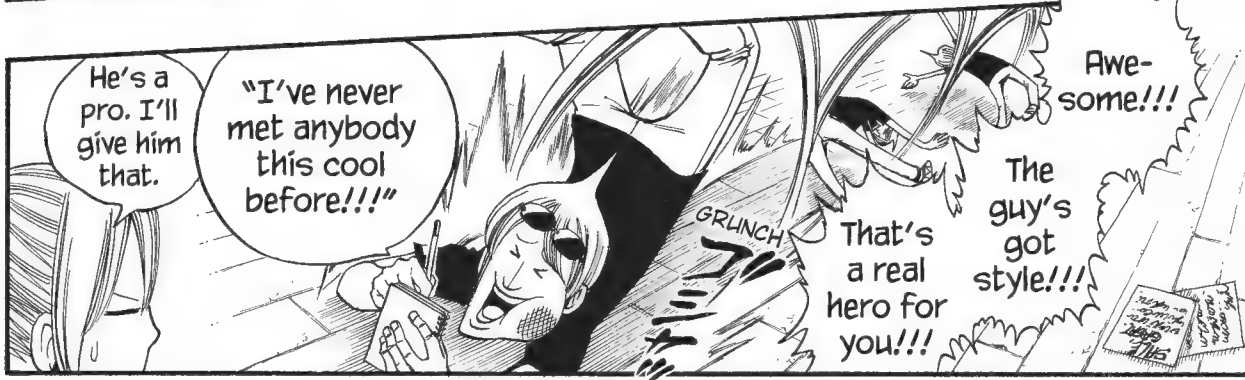
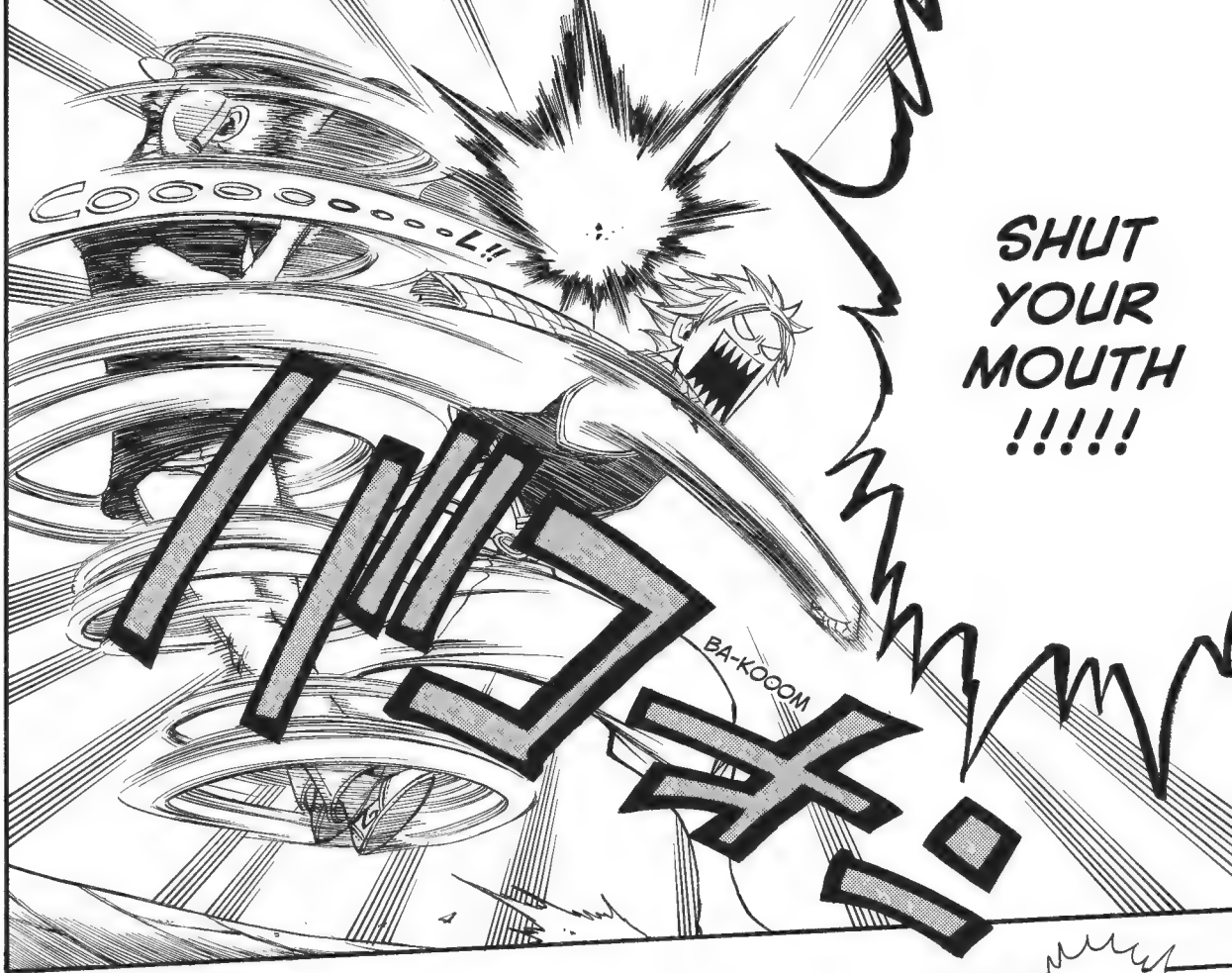
You're the guys that are always writing those bad things about me!!!!

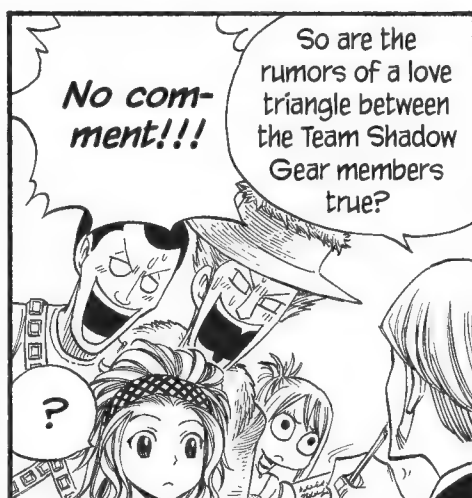
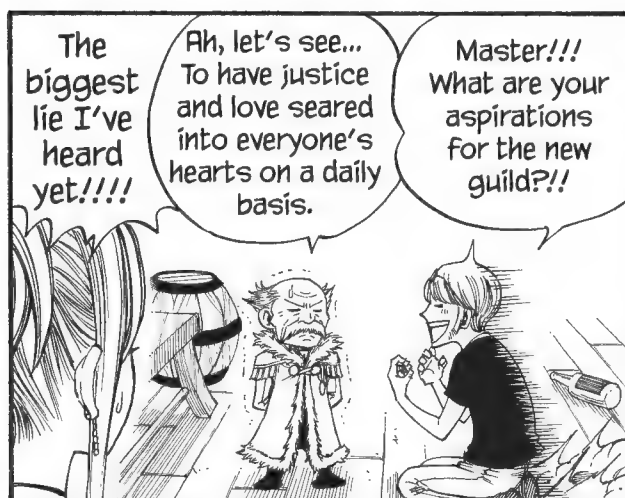
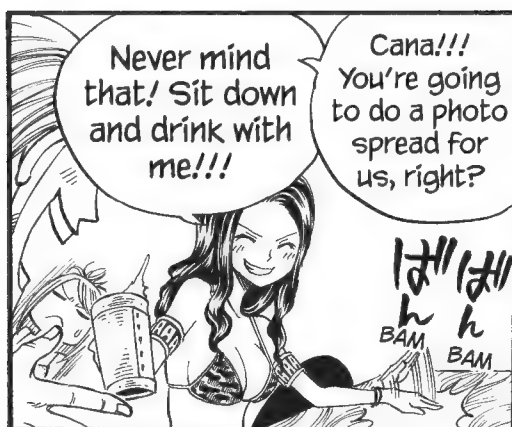


Oh!
Can I have a handshake?!!

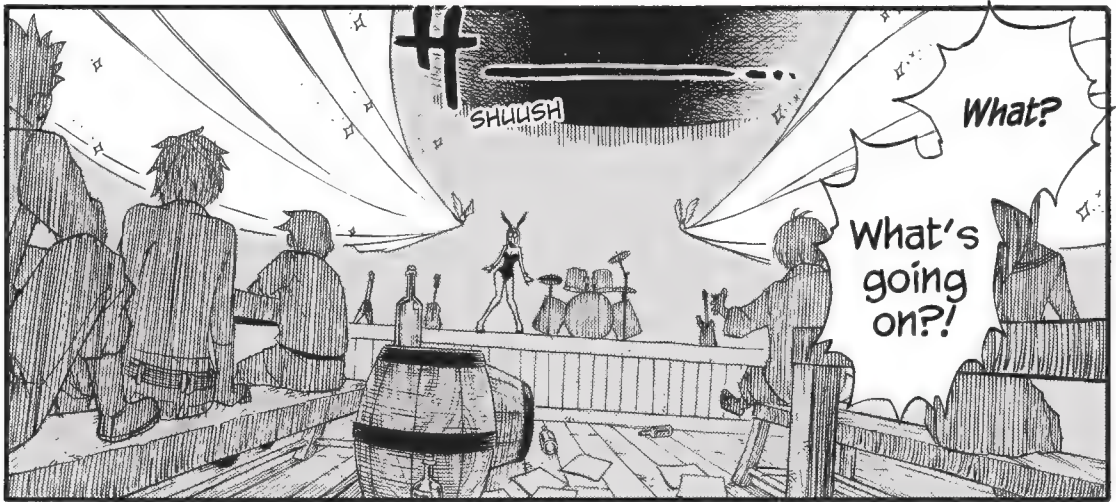
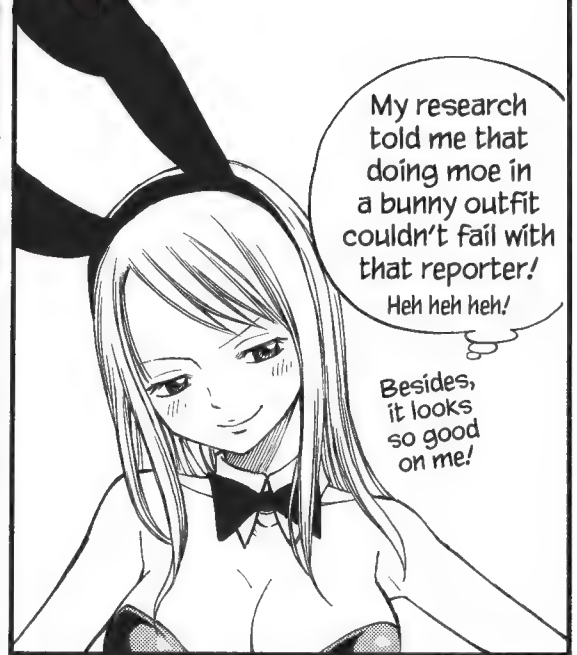


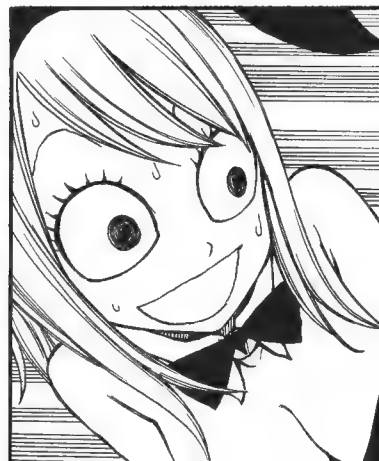
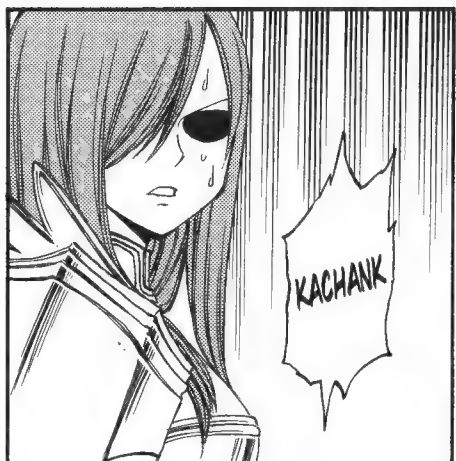
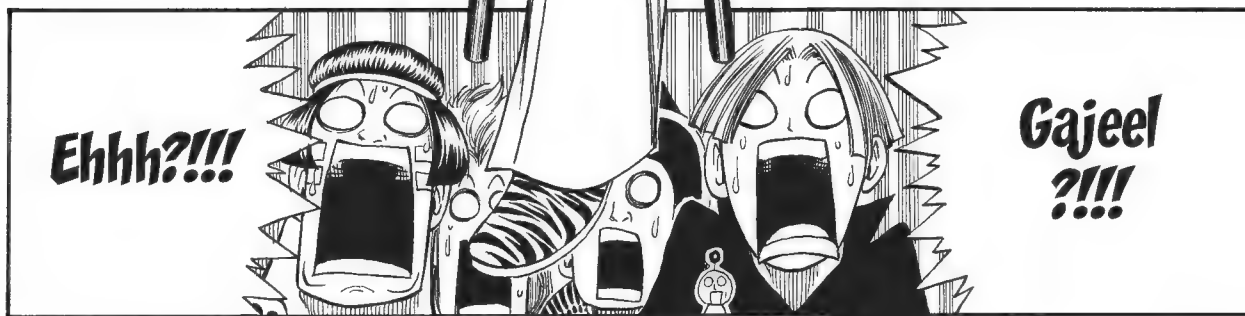
I don't know what to say! It's really you!!!
And you're awesomely cool!!!!



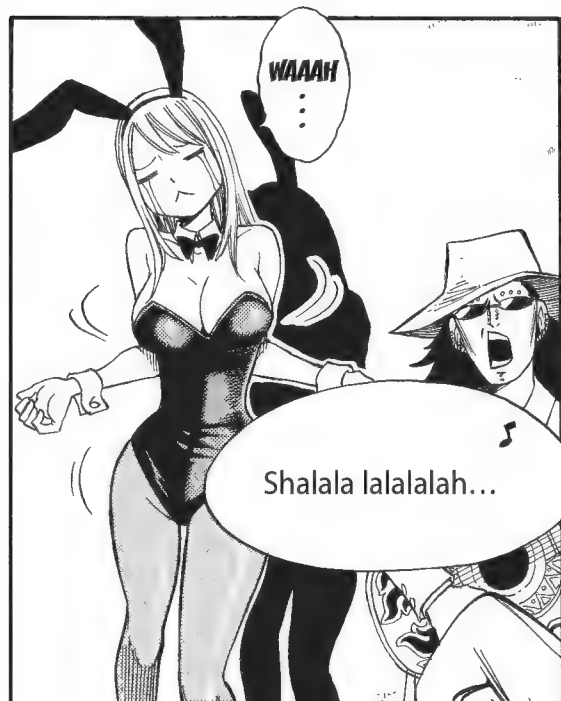
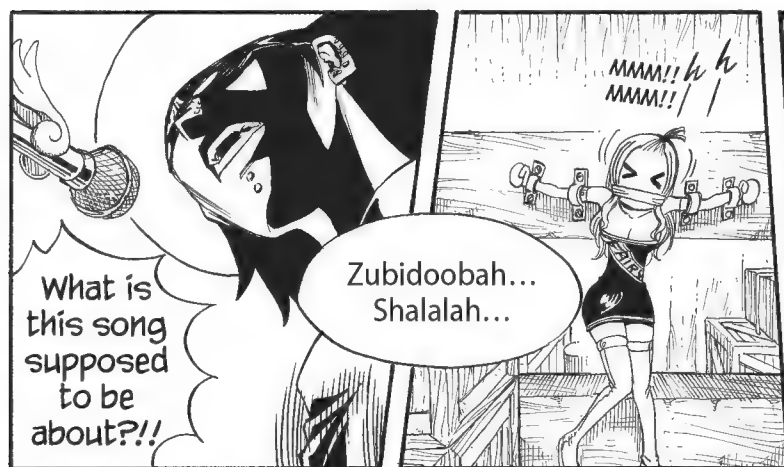
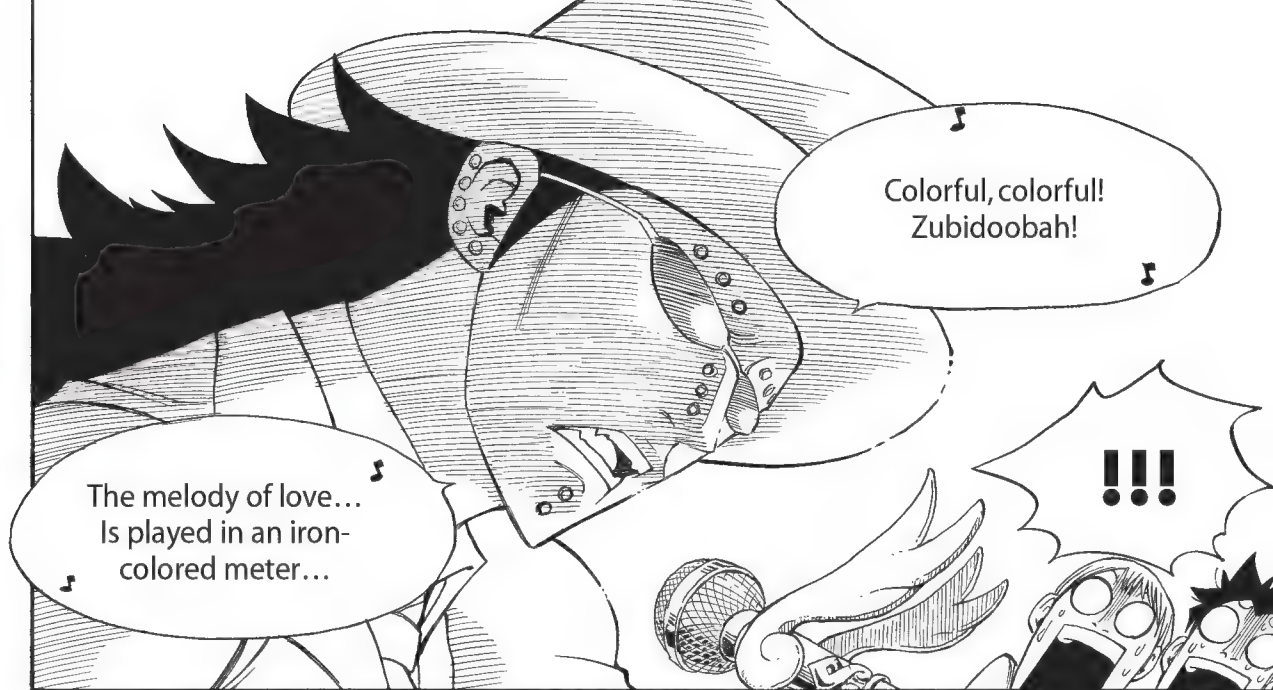




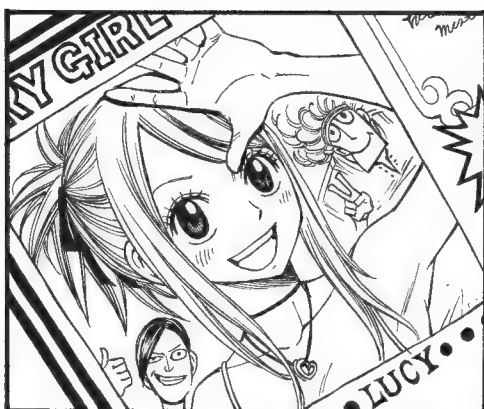
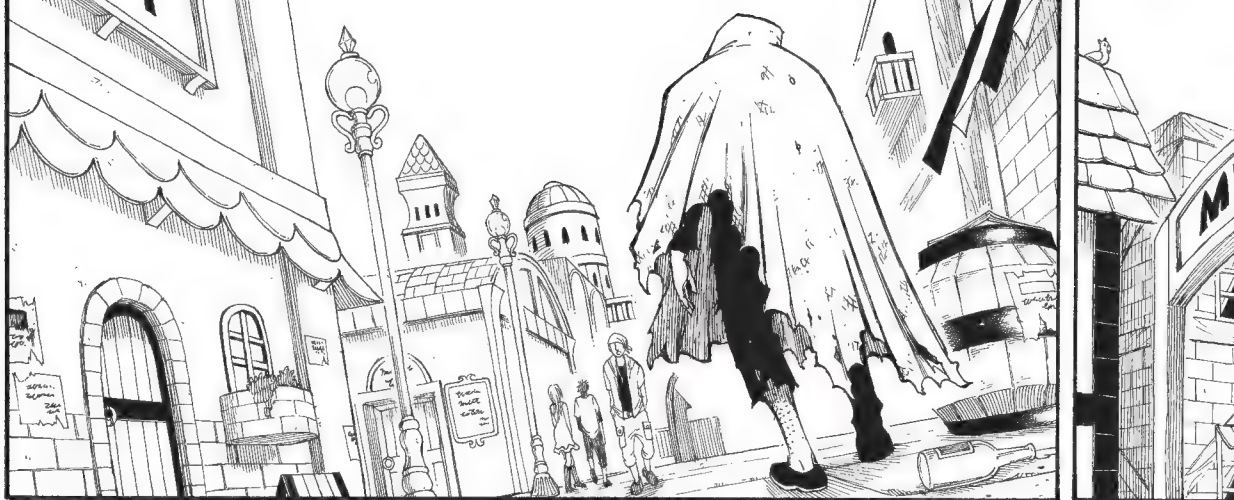












FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 105: That Man, Laxus



FAIRY TAIL	
Name: Gajeel Redfox	Age: ? yrs.
Magic: Iron Dragon Slayer	
Likes: Iron, Scrap	Dislikes: An Empty Stomach
	

Remarks

An Iron Dragon Slayer who used to be known as the most powerful man in Phantom Lord. He was cruel and heartless, but after being defeated by Natsu, he decided to enter Fairy Tail.

He can do magic such as change his skin to iron scales, and when he eats metal, he increases his power.

Just why he entered Fairy Tail, a guild he hated, is a mystery, but he seems to be trying to bridge the communications gap in his own way. At one point he tried to sing his feelings, but it failed. Even so, there are some in Fairy Tail who accept him. Does Erza think that one day Gajeel will betray them? In any case, she is watchful of him.







It makes me all tingly inside!!

That's a VIP for you! Can send people scurrying with just a glare!!

PAM PAM
h h h

PAM PAM
h h h

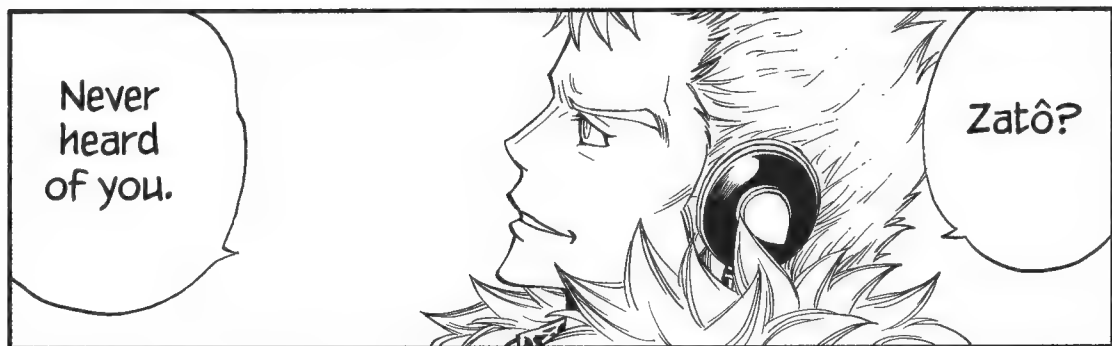
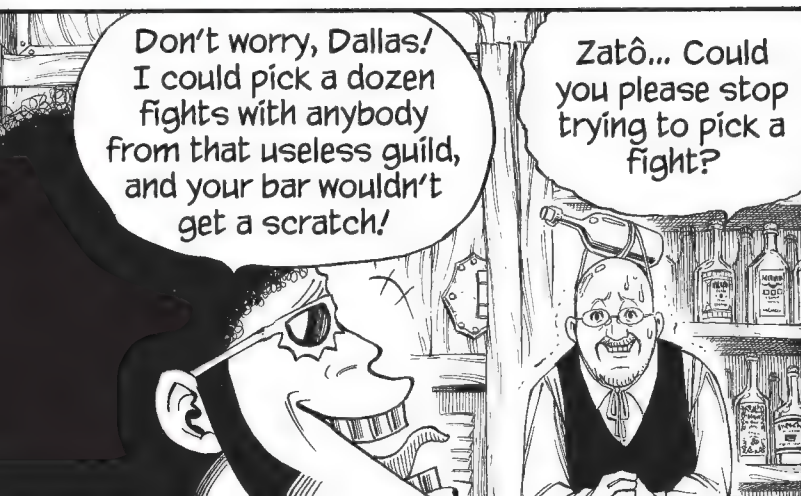
Heeey!!
Gya ha ha ha!!!

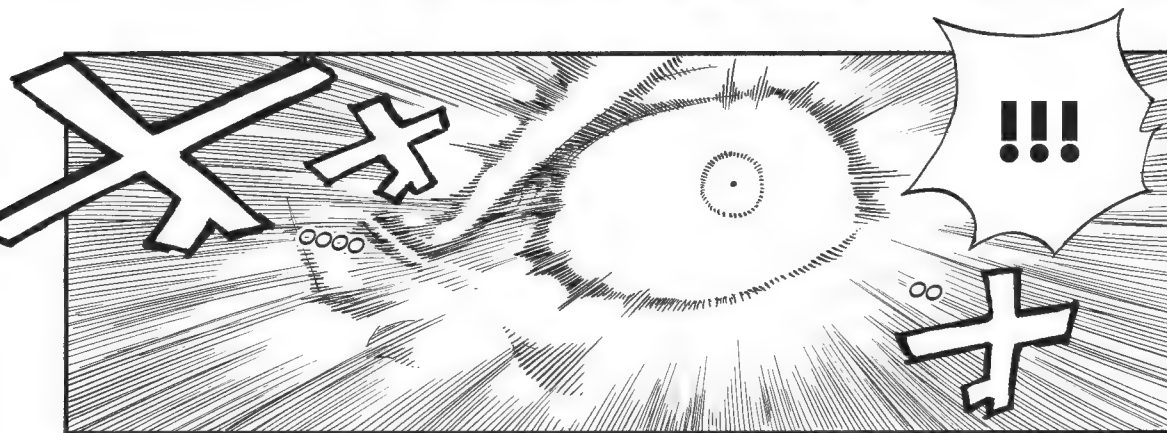


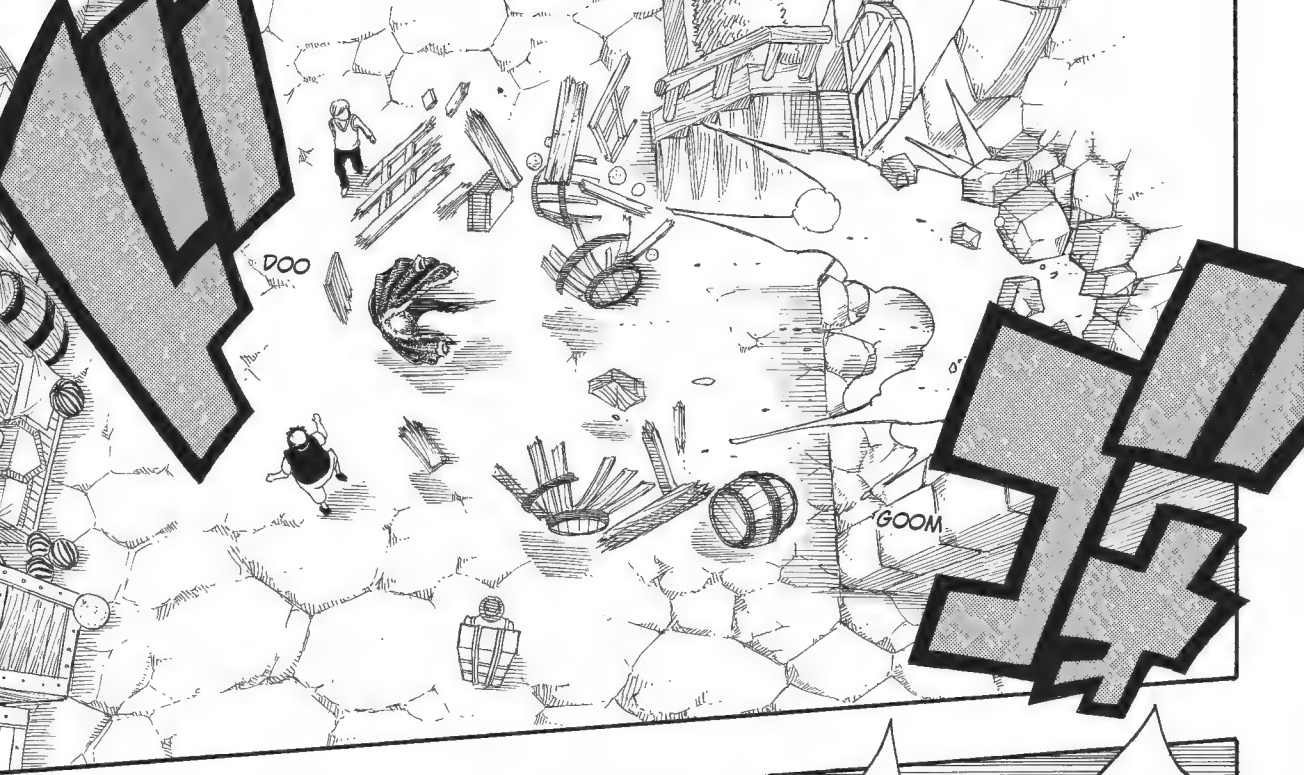
You got in to the guild, how? A favor from granddaddy, huh?

How pathetic!!

So you're supposed to be Master Makarov's grandkid?

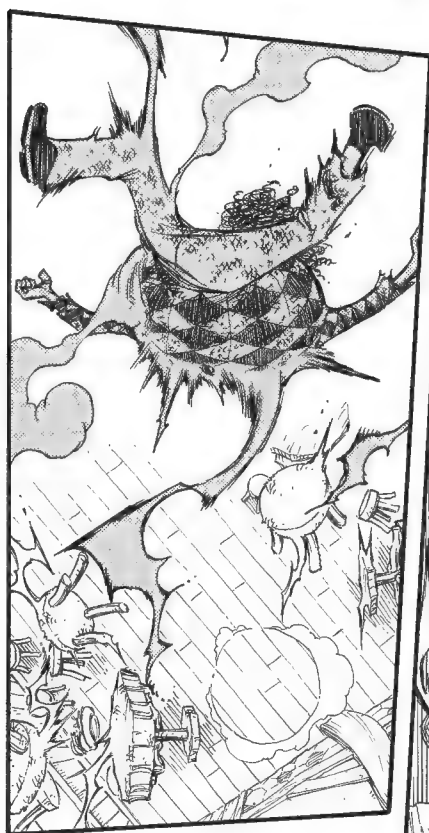








Uwaa!!



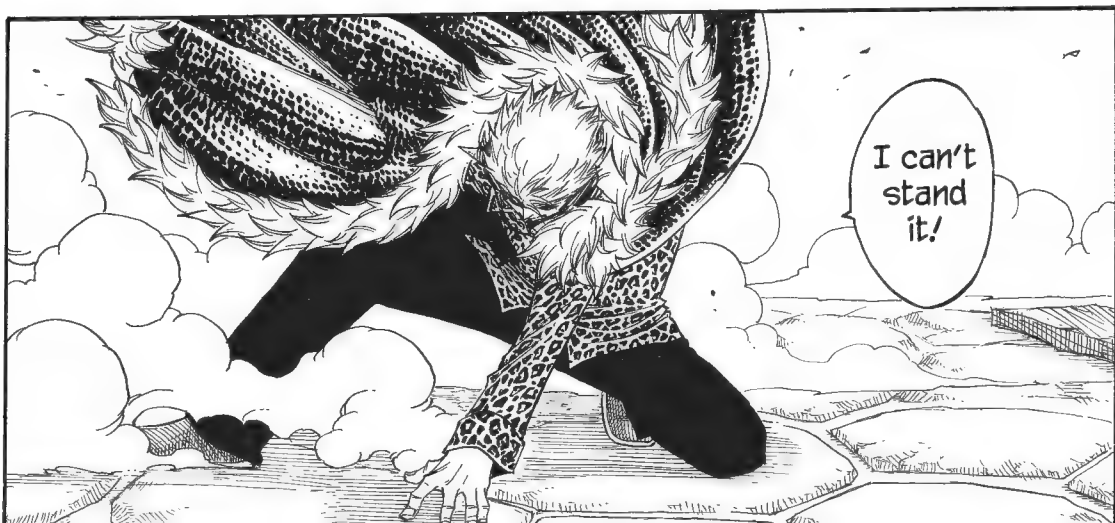
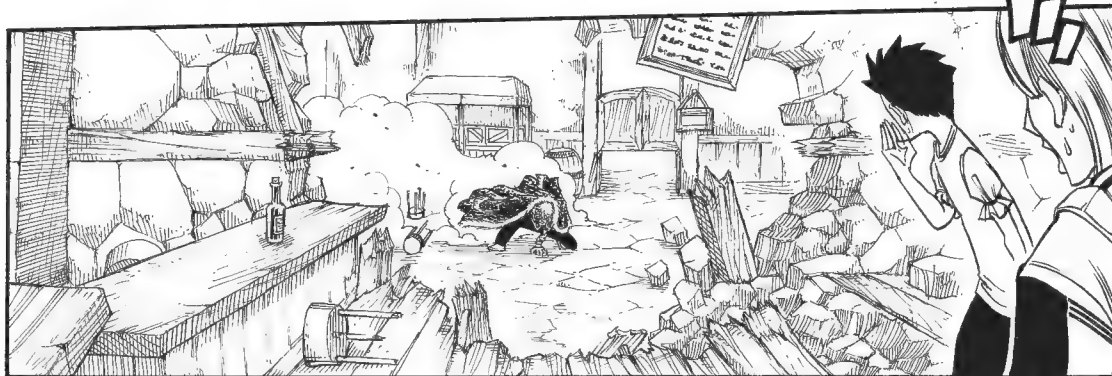
...from the ground?!!

Lightning...



Gya-
hoom
!!!!

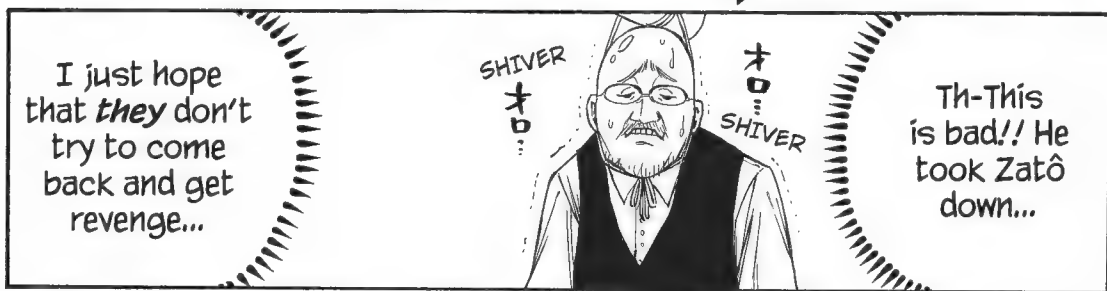
ZHAKKOW





Gramps
'''

Just when
did you
decide to
make our
guild a
laughing
stock...

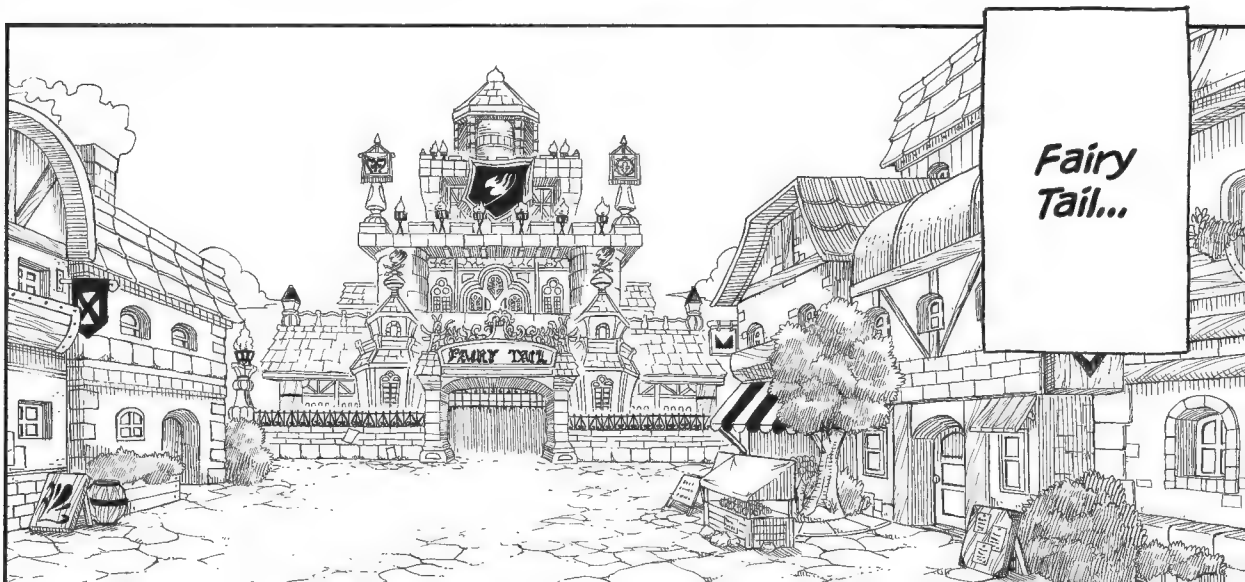


I just hope
that *they* don't
try to come
back and get
revenge...

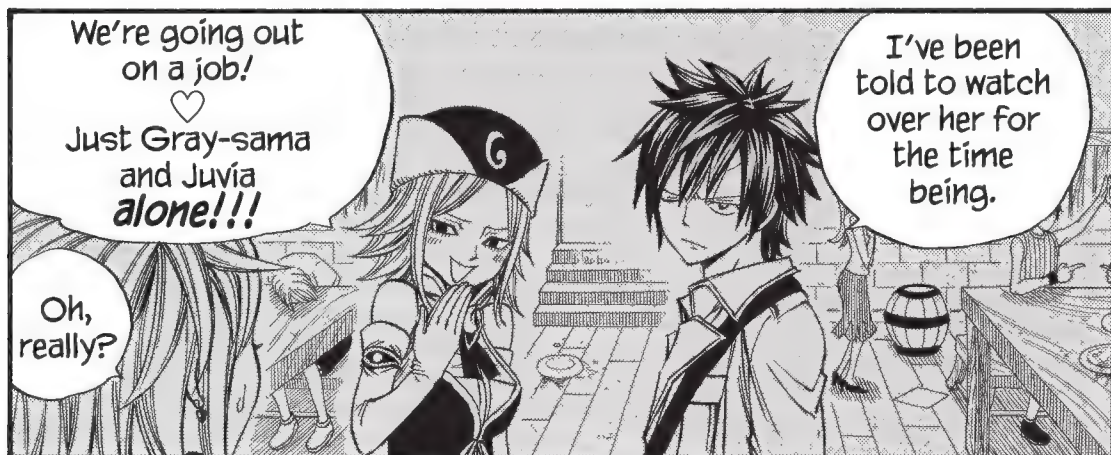
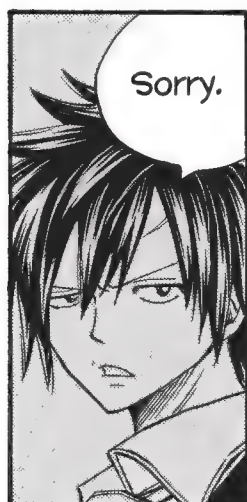
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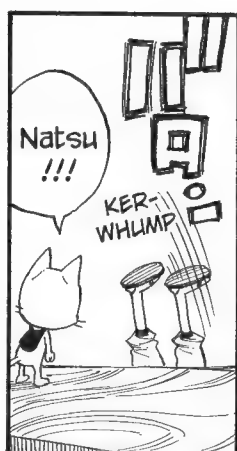
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Th-This
is bad!! He
took Zato
down...



Fairy
Tail...



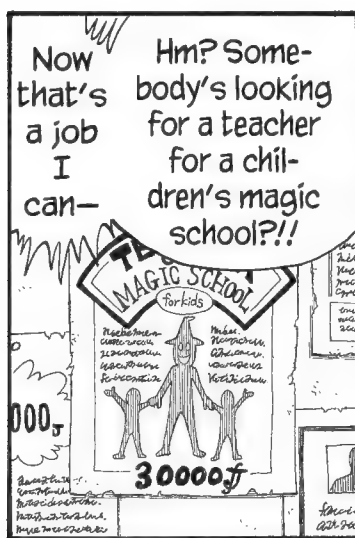




You had best not rely on me. I only go on jobs that nobody but me can accomplish.

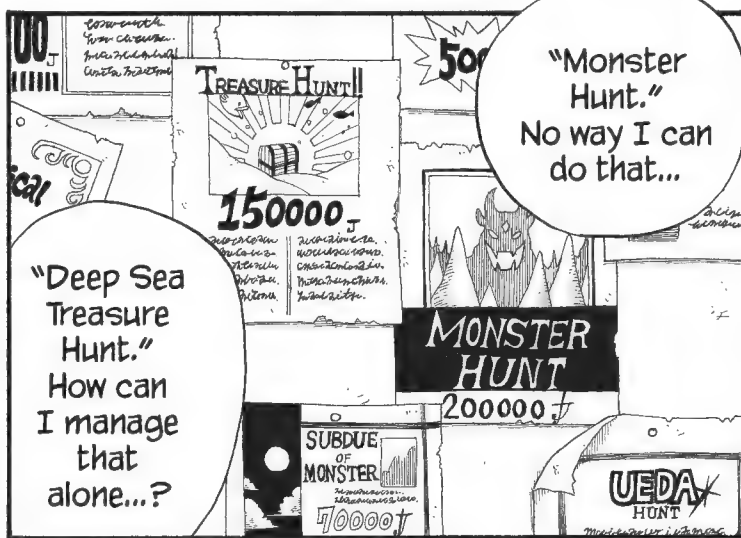
But listen!!! If I don't go out on a job soon, I won't be able to pay this month's rent!!! Nab, help me!!!

What's that mean exactly?



Now that's a job I can—

Hm? Somebody's looking for a teacher for a children's magic school?!!



"Deep Sea Treasure Hunt." How can I manage that alone...?

"Monster Hunt." No way I can do that...



It's first taken, first served, right?

Hey!!! I saw that first!!!

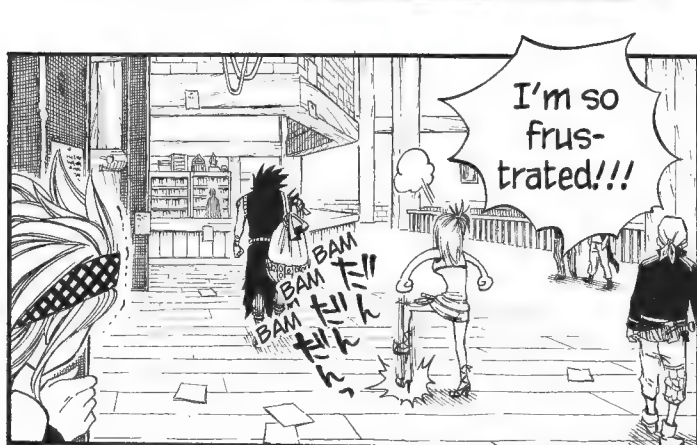
Besides, aren't you completely wrong for that kind of work?!!



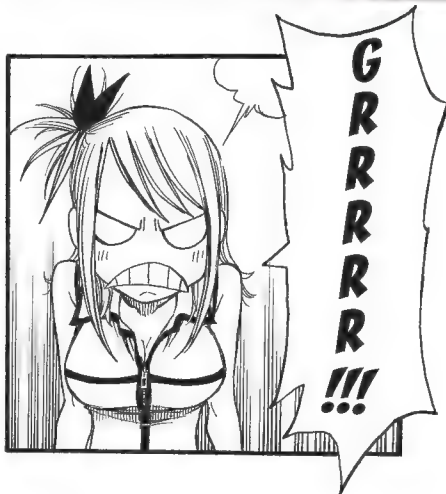


Get out
of my face,
bunny girl!!!

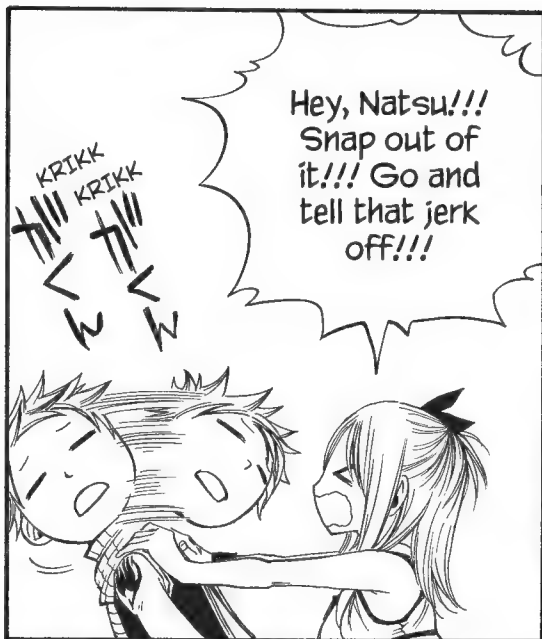
What job I
choose to
do is my
business!!!



I'm so frus-
trated!!!



G R R R R !!!



Hey, Natsu!!!
Snap out of
it!!! Go and
tell that jerk
off!!!



That creep,
getting
carried
away with
himself!!!

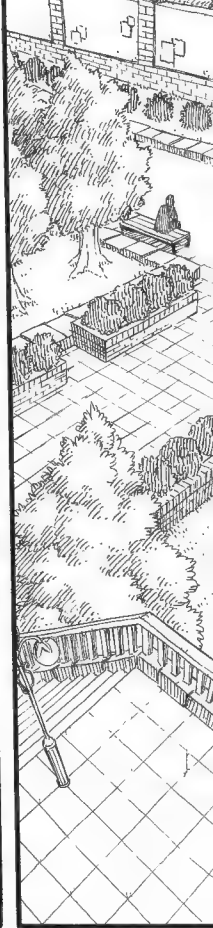
I just
don't like
him!

He scares
me! Lu-chan
is so brave...



I got a job I
have to get to.

Okay,
you called
me out here.
Let's hear
why.



If you just
want work, you
could go to
any guild for
it. Can't you
tell you're not
wanted here?

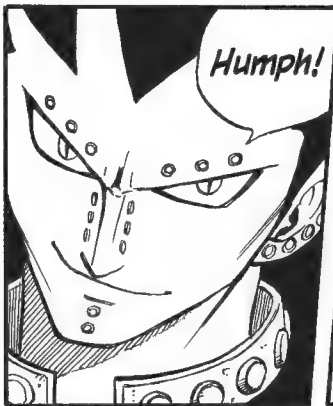
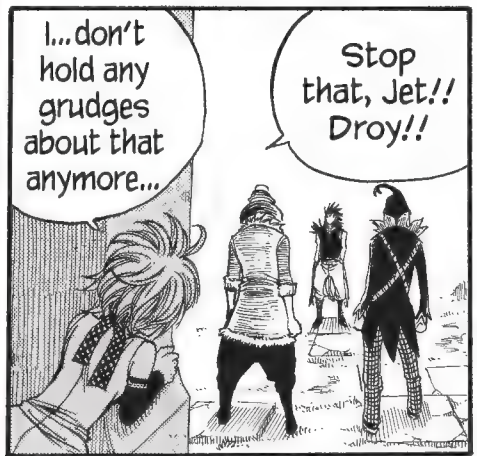
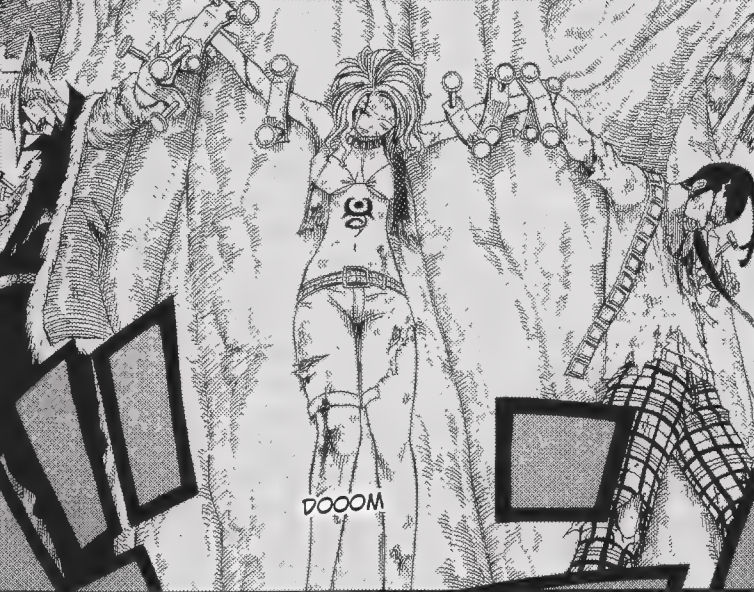
"Job"?! The man
who destroyed
our guild has no
right to a job!!



Gee
hee
hee!!

Going
on about
ancient
history!

You
guys are
freaking
petty,
aren't
you?



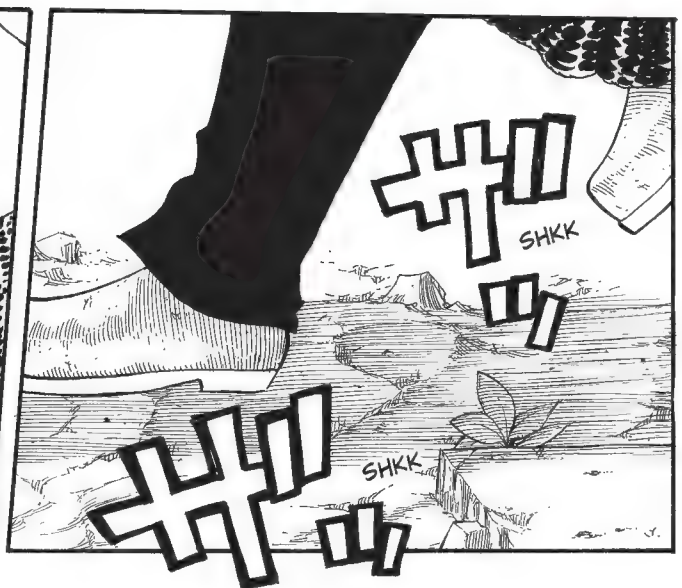
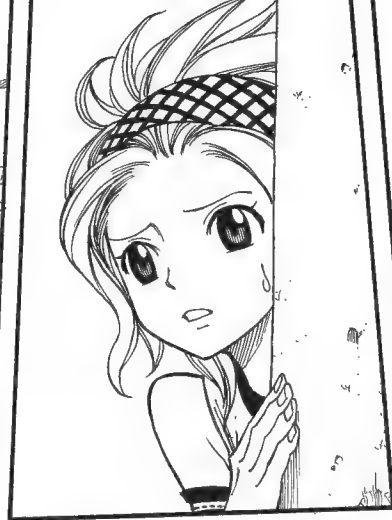


*Falcon
Heavenward!!!!

Hayabusa-
Tenshō!!!!*



Knuckle
Plant!!!!





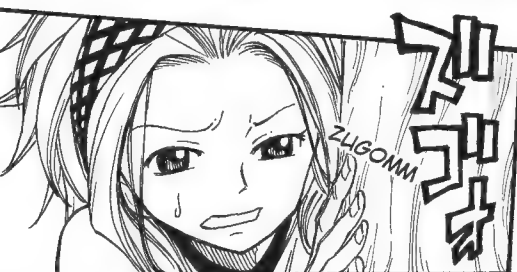
Damn old
man...
Recruiting
people just
so they don't
attack his guild
anymore, huh?

I get it.
This is the
punk who did
a number on
our guild,
right?

STMP
STMP
STMP

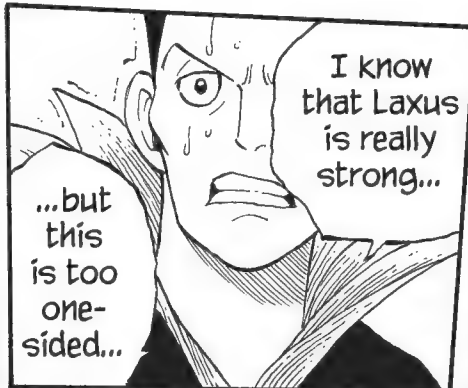
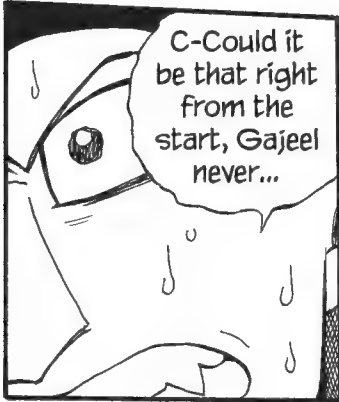
**Turds
like
you
!!!!**

*That's
why
people
are
laughing
at us!!!*



**It's all
your
fault!!!**



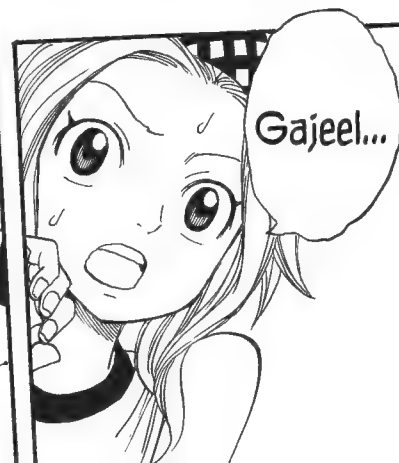
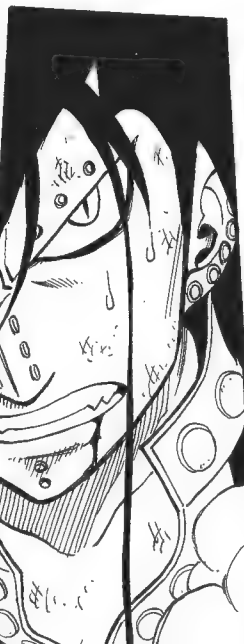






You...

Did he...
protect
Levy...?



Gajeel...





**I've
reached
the limits
of what
I can
stand!!!!**

**I'm going
to make
Fairy
Tail my
own!!!!**

FAIRY TAIL



FAIRY TAIL	
Name: Fried Justine	Age: 20 yrs.
Magic: ?	
Likes: Music	Dislikes: Gum
	

Remarks

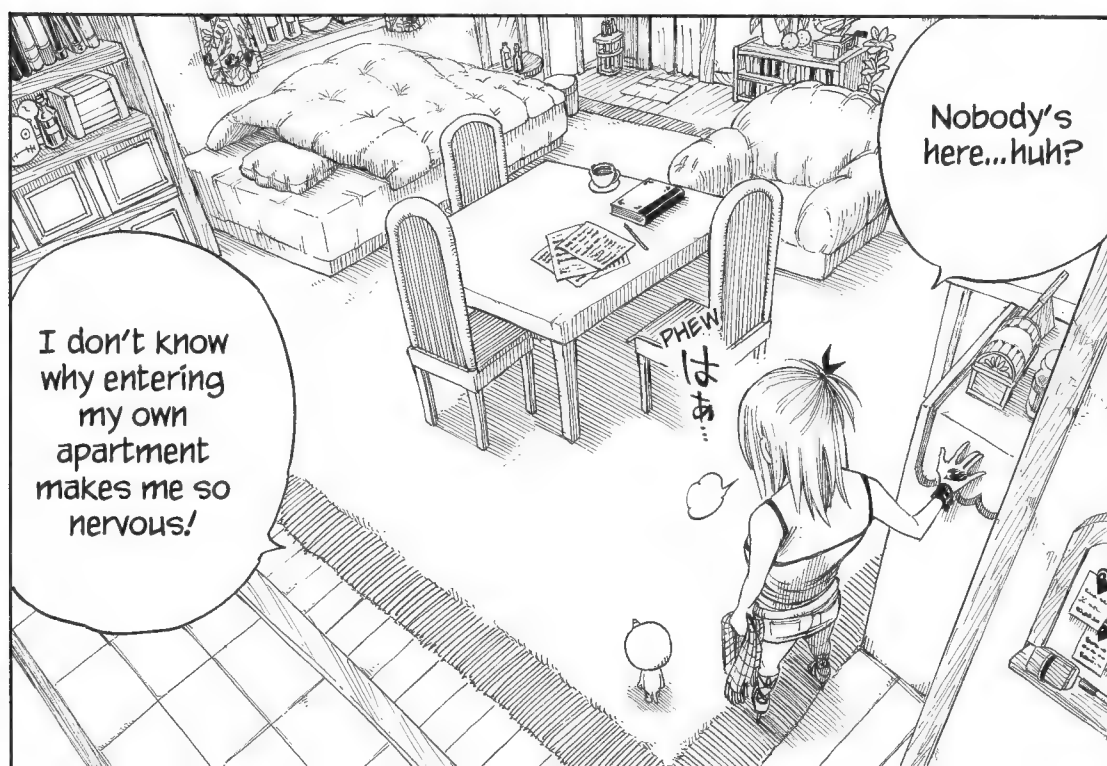
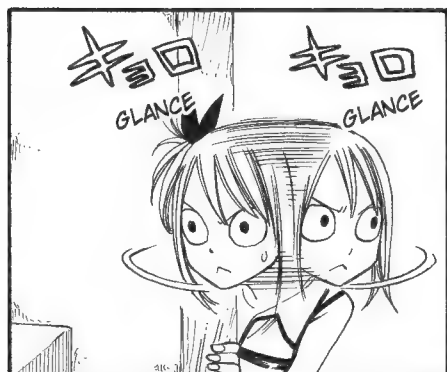
He's hardly ever seen in the guild, so he has made no friendships within it. As an example, he hasn't been seen in the guild for more than half a year, so he's never even met Lucy.

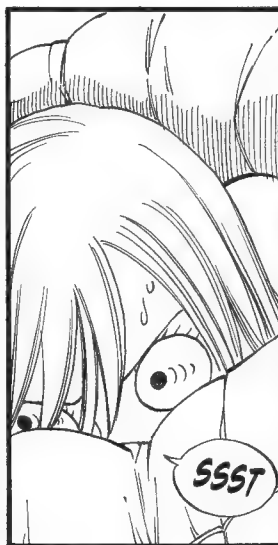
He was in another town when the whole ordeal with Phantom Lord took place. And since nobody seems to know what magic he uses, he is considered the most mysterious wizard in the guild after Mystogan and Gildarts.

Still, he idolizes Laxus, so he created the group called "The Laxus Bodyguards" and assigned himself as the squad leader.

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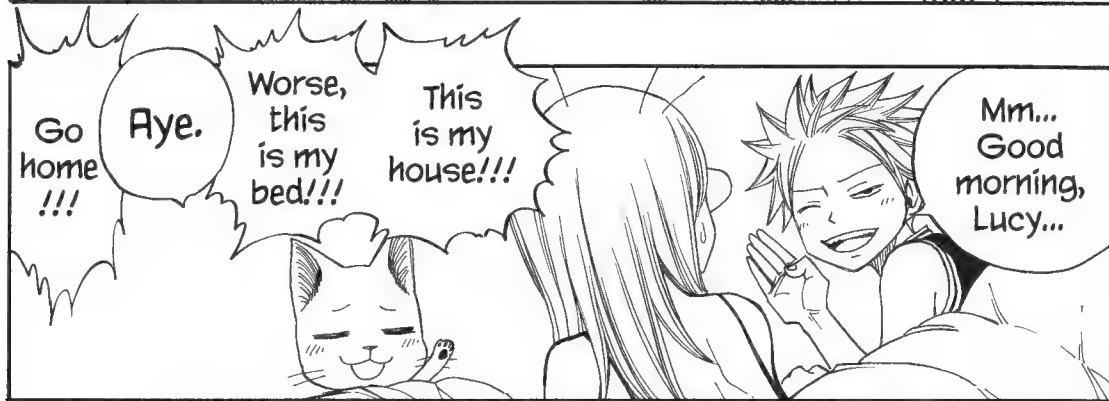








G y a a a a a
!!!!



Go home
!!!

Aye.

Worse,
this
is my
bed!!!

This
is my
house!!!

Mm...
Good
morning,
Lucy...



You can
have it!!
So take
it and get
out!!!

I thought
we'd come
to get
Natsu's
scarf back.



ZZOOOZZ
ZZOOOZZ

FWUMPH

I...can't
go on!

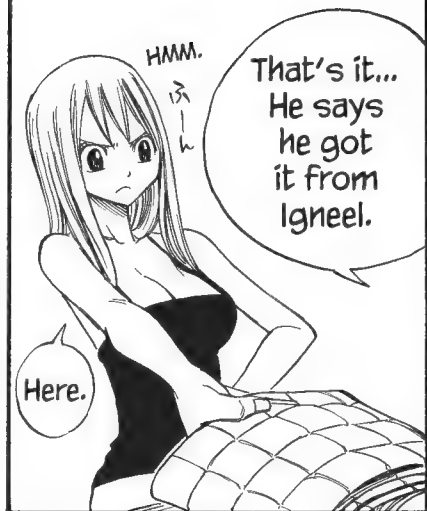


Aye.

Say...
Is he
okay?



うーん...
HRNN...



HMM.

That's it...
He says
he got
it from
Igneel.

Here.



Wait!
Lexus's
lightning?

A long
time ago,
Natsu
challenged
Lexus.

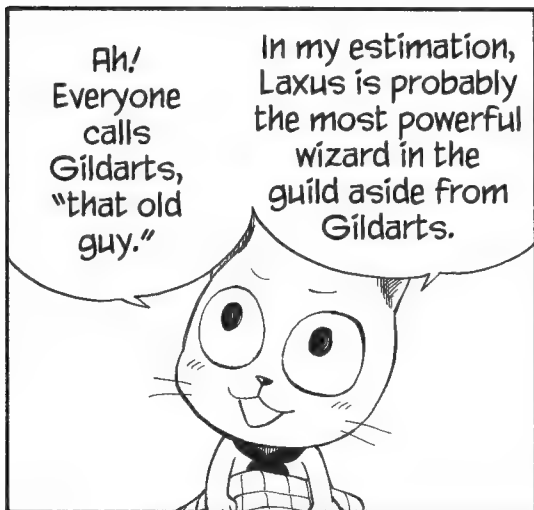


Well, magic
power isn't
actually edible
though...

So he
shouldn't
eat any other
magic power
but fire,
huh?

Back then,
it was
Lexus's
lightning
that he ate.

This has
happened
before.



Ah!
Everyone
calls
Gildarts,
"that old
guy."

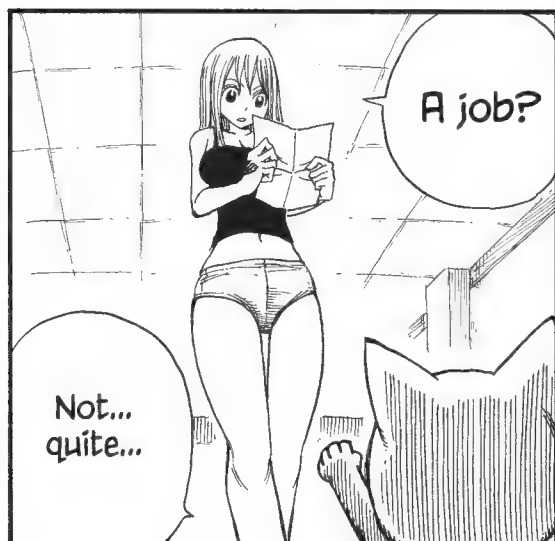
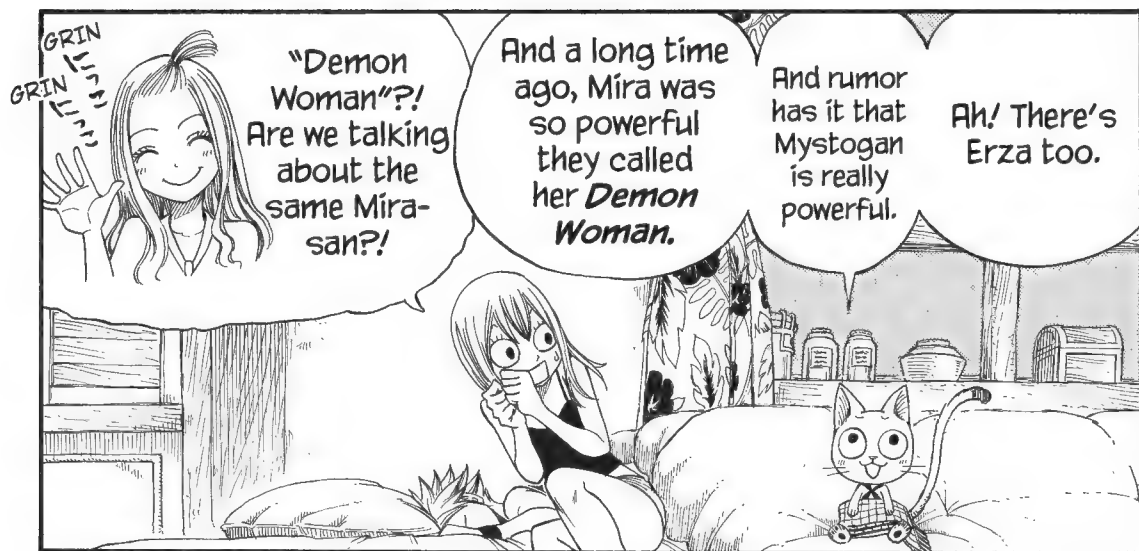
In my estimation,
Lexus is probably
the most powerful
wizard in the
guild aside from
Gildarts.



I've never
seen Natsu
defeated
that
quickly...

Of course
Natsu was
defeated
almost
immediately.

I-is Lexus
really that
powerful?



MAGNOLIA HARVEST

October 15.

Next week, the town of Magnolia is having its Harvest Festival.

Fairy Tail is taking part in the festival.

You'll find it in the lower, right corner.

Miss FAIRYTAIL CONTEST
VICTORY PRIZE: 50000 J

It's a beauty contest to be held amongst the female members of Fairy Tail. First prize is 500,000 Jewels.

Aye!

Miss FAIRYTAIL CONTEST
VICTORY PRIZE: 50000 J

Miss Fairy Tail?!!

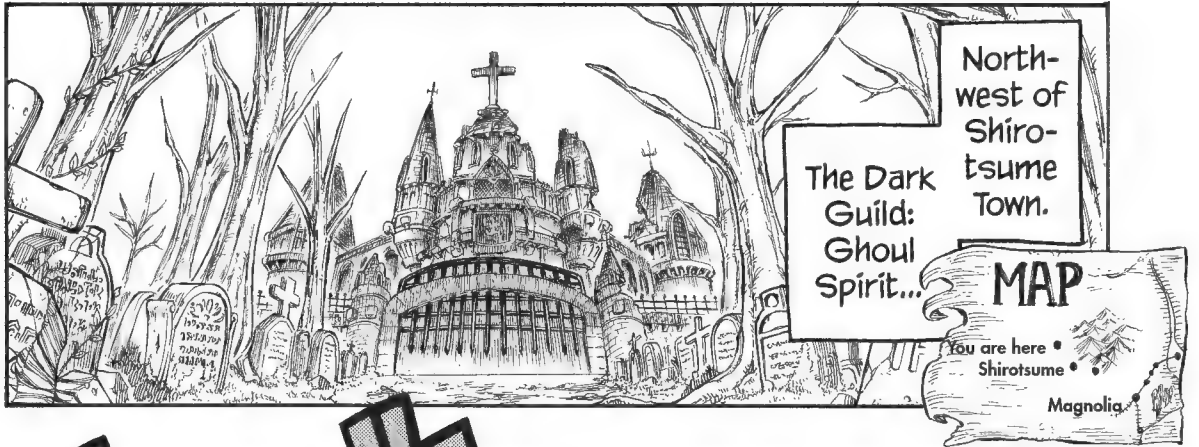
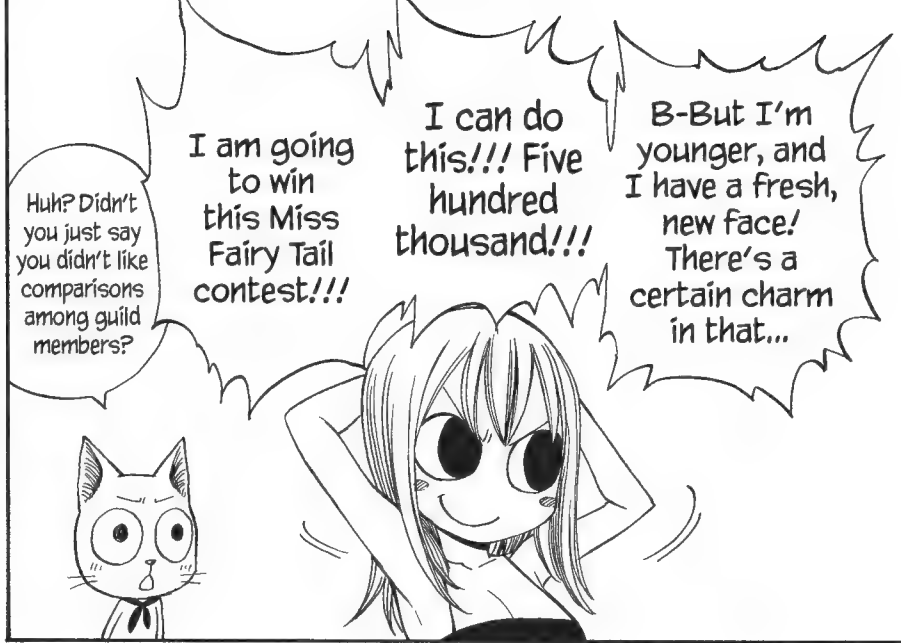
Ehh?!!
Mira-san too?!!
She's been a pin-up girl for Sorcerer Weekly!!

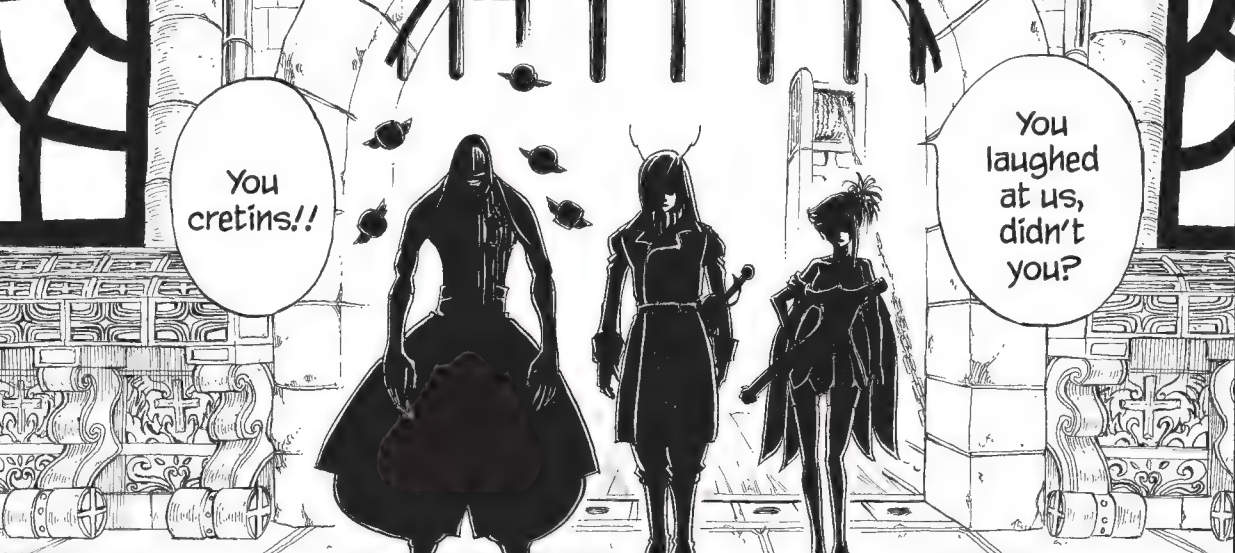
Mira and Cana plan to enter, but that doesn't mean you're absolutely certain to lose, Lucy.

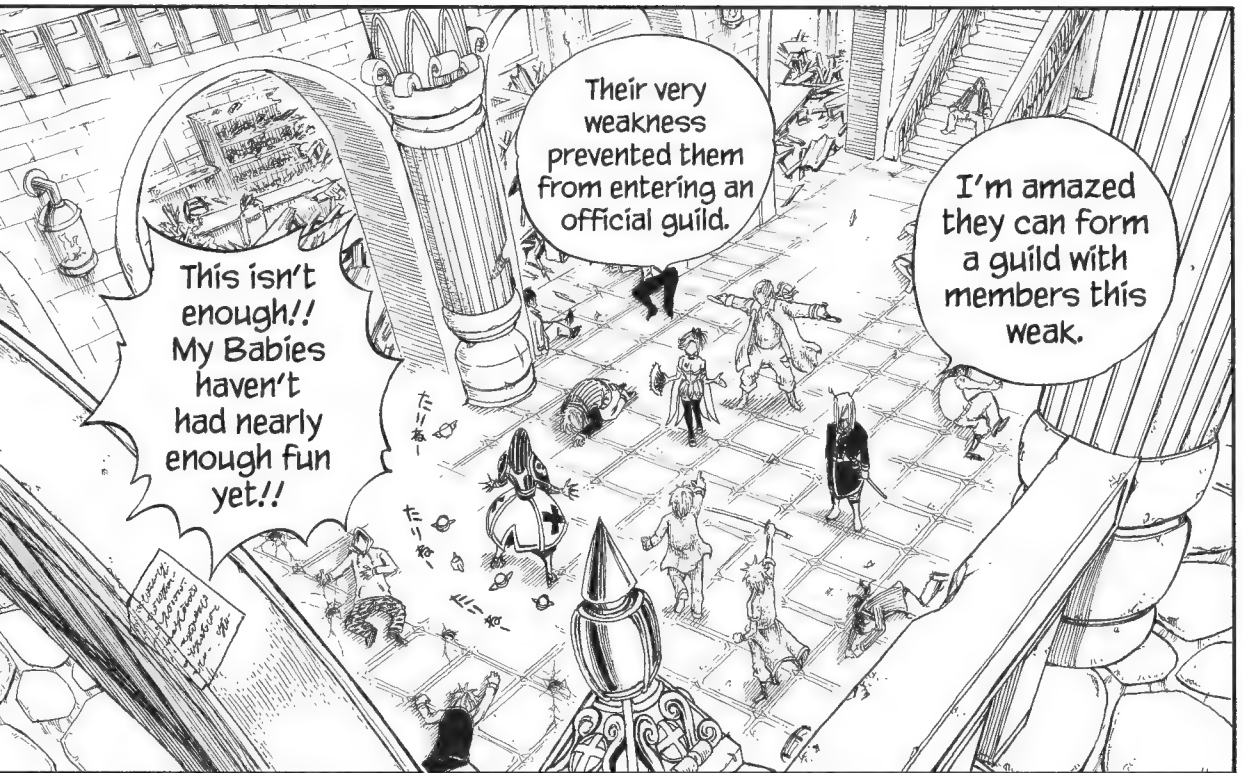
Five hundred thousand?!!!

And it's right up my alley!!!!

That would pay seven months worth of rent!!!



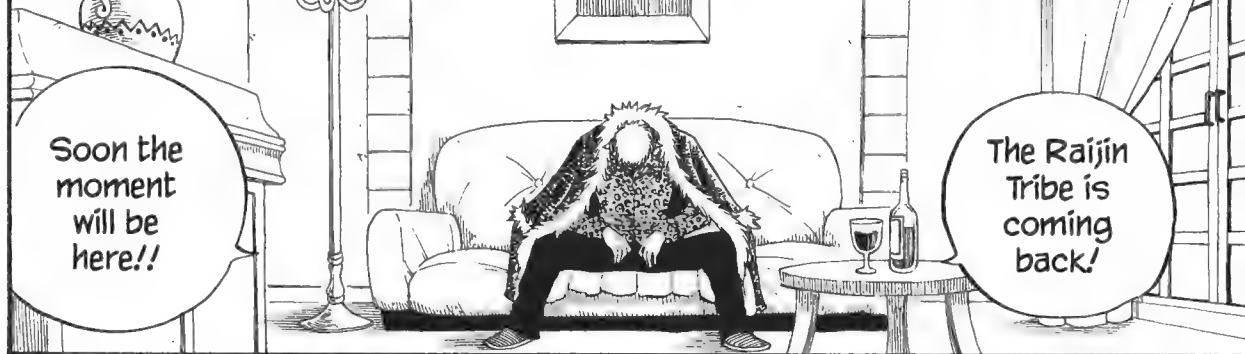




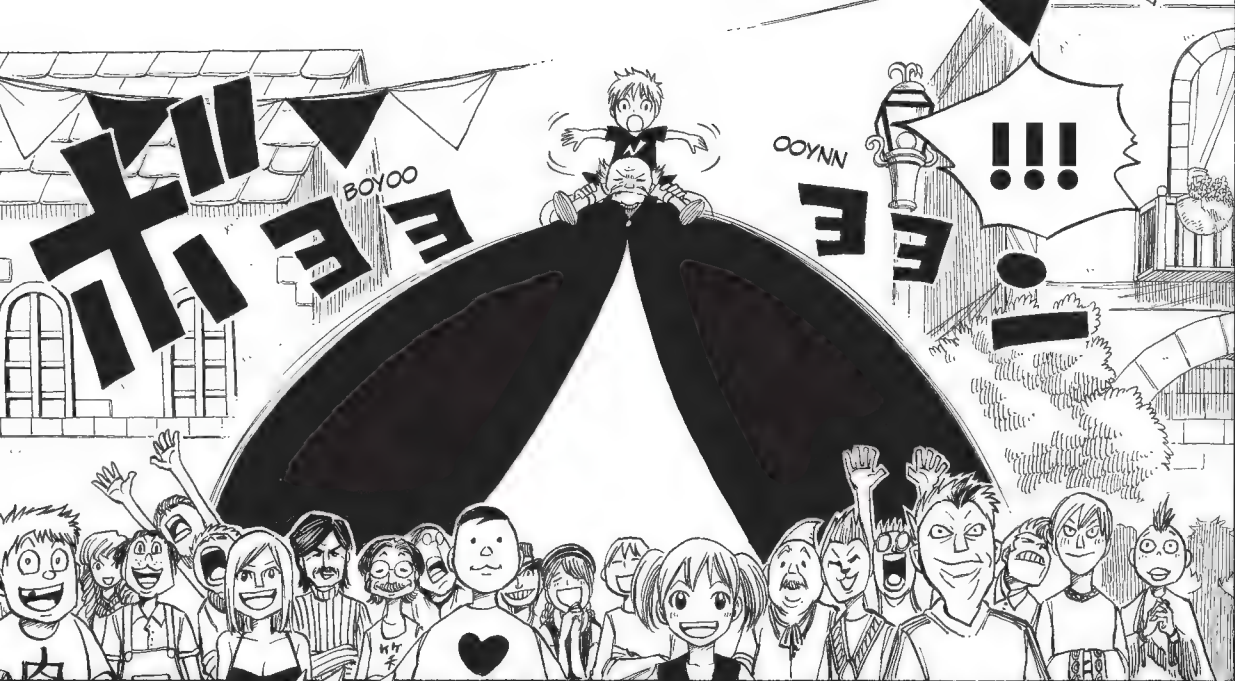


*Thunder God



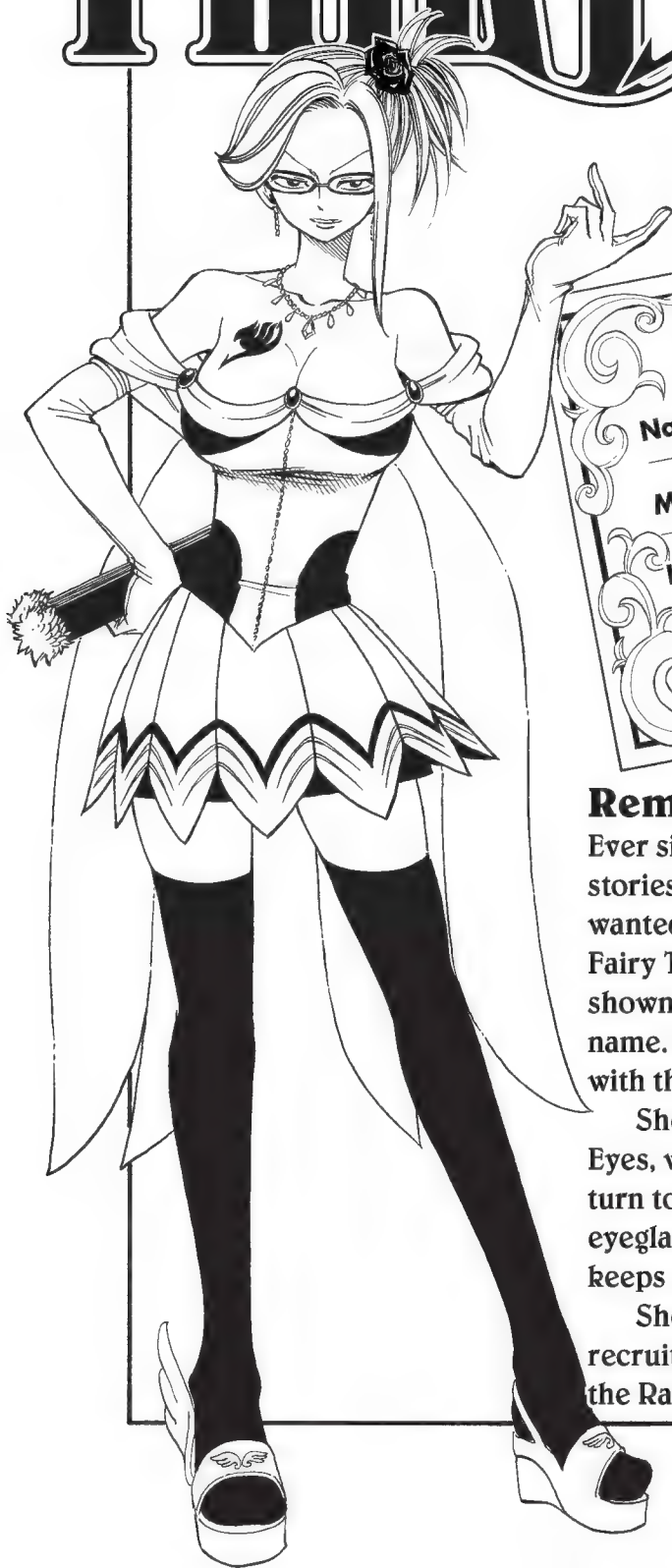








FAIRY TAIL



Remarks

Ever since she was a small girl, she loved stories that involved fairies, and she always wanted to grow up to be a fairy. She entered Fairy Tail only because of its name, and has shown no interest in anything aside from the name. As a result she stopped cooperating with the guild and became isolated.

She has a very powerful magic, Stone Eyes, which makes anything she looks at turn to stone. However, normally she wears eyeglasses (as a fashion statement) and keeps her power in check.

She was scouted for her great power and recruited to join the Laxus Bodyguard squad, the Raijin Tribe.



Chapter 107: The Battle of Fairy Tail



MUNCH
MUNCH

He's running
the shop and
doing all sorts
of stuff. Must be
hard, huh?

Not that
you're
interested
at all!

SHHFF
X X X

MC-ing this
event is
yours truly,
the Sand
Wizard,
Max!!!



And for entry
number 1!!!
An exotic
beauty with a
stomach that
contains a hole
to another
dimension...

Cana
Alberona!!!



SHASHASHA

Look at
that!! She's
got so many
flying cards,
you can
hardly see
her...

FLIP FLIP FLIP

Now it's
time to cast
some magic
to show how
appealing
you are!!



I mean,
I claim
the cash
for my
liquor
bill!

I claim
my five
hundred
thou-
sand...



Swim
wear?!!
No fair!!!

Of
course...
So that
is one
tactic,
I see.

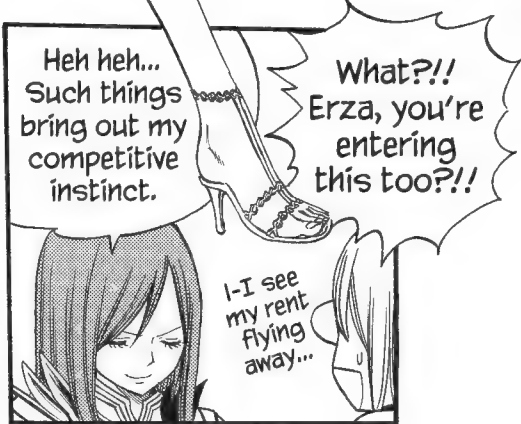


And she's
changed
into
swimwear!!!!



Now
we present
entry number 2!!!
A new member,
but her abilities
are S-Class!!!

A woman
whose beauty
brings the
rain, Juvia
Lockser!!!



Heh heh...
Such things
bring out my
competitive
instinct.

What?!!
Erza, you're
entering
this too?!!

I-I see
my rent
flying
away...



Don't go
making
strange
noises
while you've
got a nose-
bleed!!!

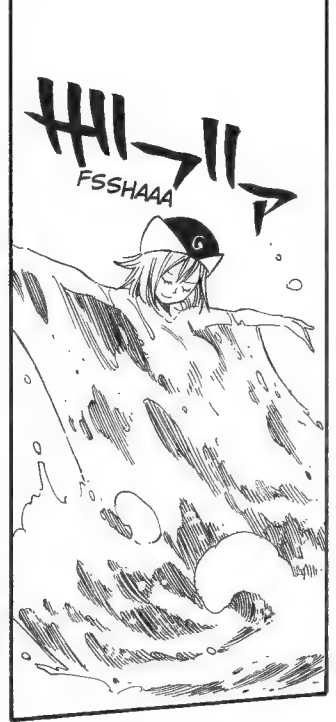
Mm!!



Gray-sama, are you watching?!!

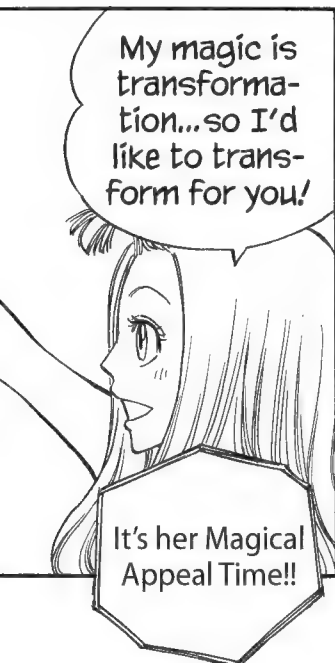
Ohhh!!! Now that's a magical performance that brings out the swim in swimwear!!!

Another one using her feminine wiles!!



Amazing!!!

Wow!!! Her body is made of water!!!



My magic is transformation... so I'd like to transform for you!

It's her Magical Appeal Time!!

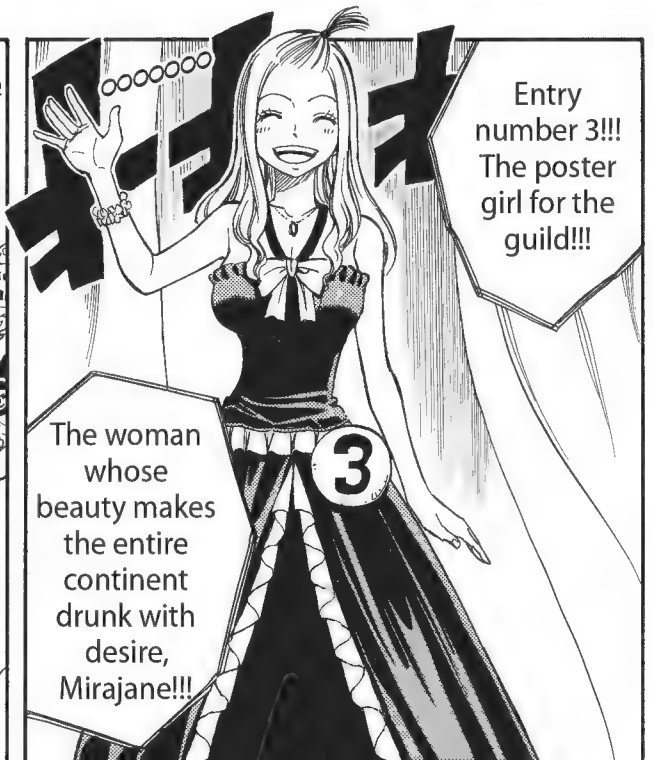


The front-runner!!!

The one we've been waiting for!!!

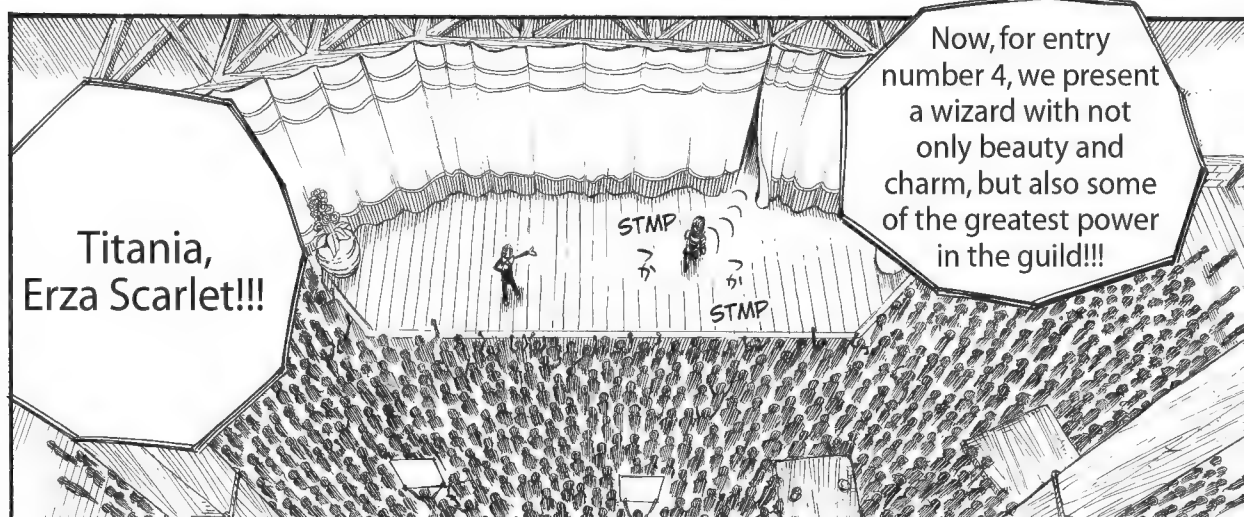
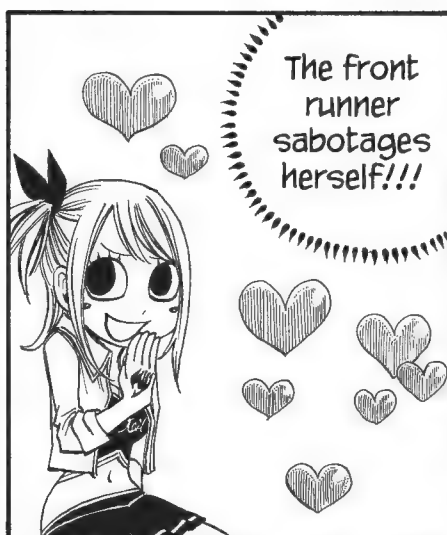
She's even cuter than her pictures!!!

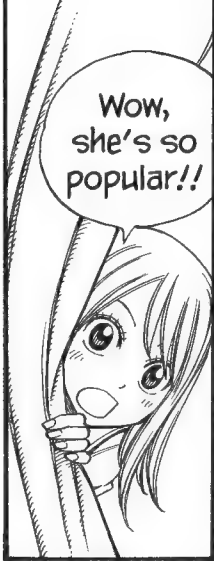
It's her, in the flesh!!!



Entry number 3!!! The poster girl for the guild!!!

The woman whose beauty makes the entire continent drunk with desire, Mirajane!!!





Wow,
she's so
popular!!



She's so
cool!!!

CHANK

So she's
Fairy Tail's
most
powerful
woman?

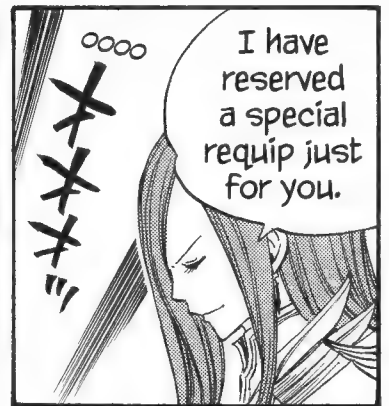
oooooooooooo

There
she
is!!!

Erza!!!



DOOOON



oooo

I have
reserved
a special
requip just
for you.



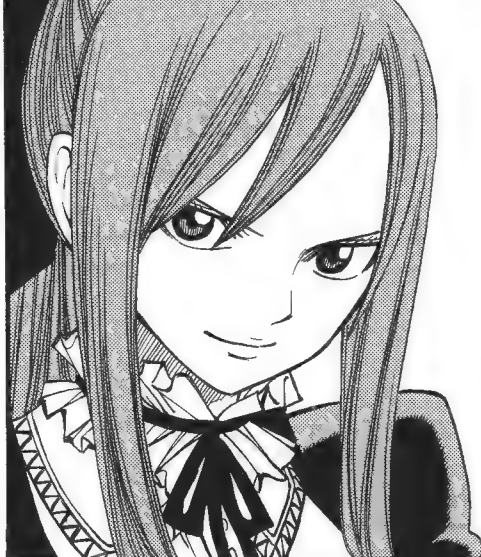
Now
!!!

ザッザッザッザッ
ZUZZLUZZLUUN



Oui.

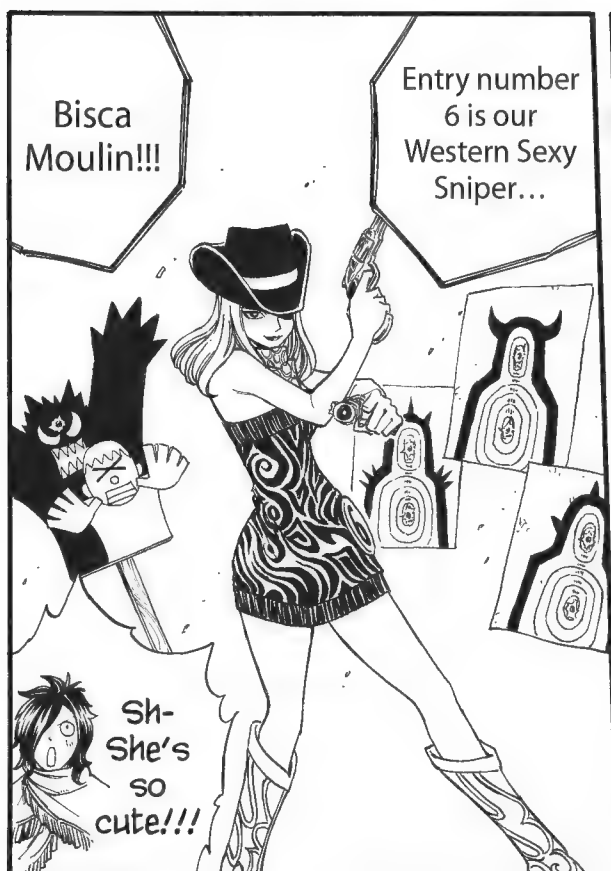
Her personal-
ity had
changed,
huh?



Heh, heh...
My win is
certain!



*A goth-loli
outfit?!!!*



Bisca
Moulin!!!

Entry number
6 is our
Western Sexy
Sniper...

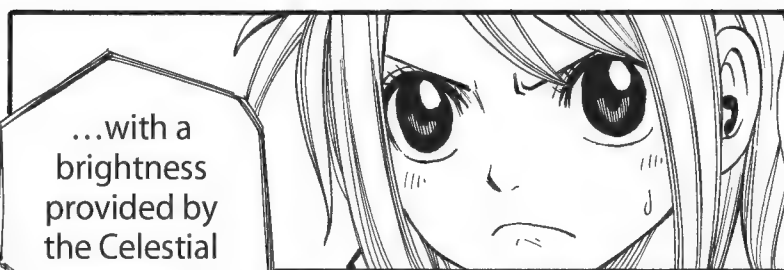
Sh-
She's
so
cute!!!



Entry
number 5
is a little
sprite!!

The intelligent
cutie, Levy
McGarden!!!

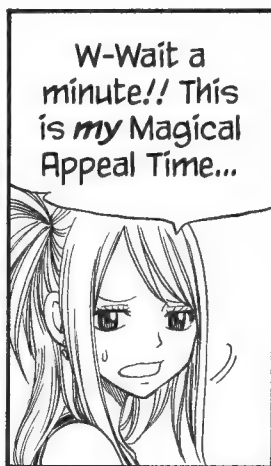
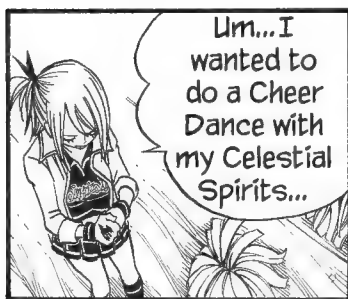
Good
going,
Levy!!!



...with a
brightness
provided by
the Celestial
Heavens...

*Now
it's my
turn!!*

Entry
number 7 is
the guild's
Super
Rookie...





Yes, I
call this
sham of a
contest to
a close!!!



The contest
is over, and
the winner has
been decided!!
It's me!!



Whaaa
?!!!

EEEEHHHHHH



So
she's
back?!!

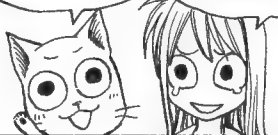
Ever-
green!!



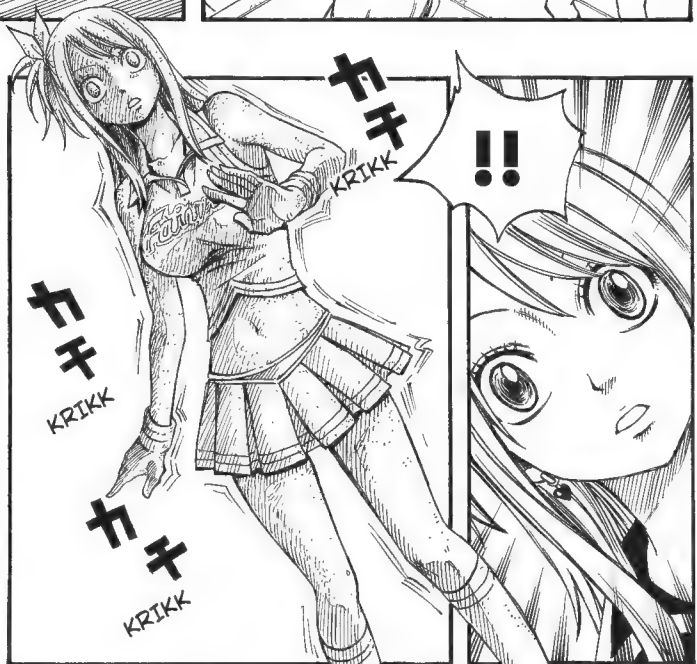
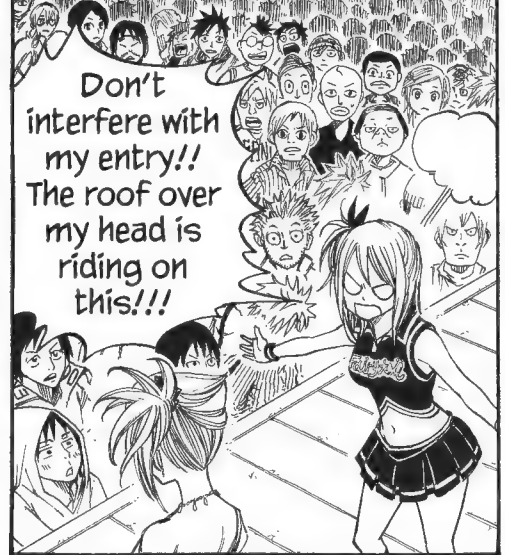
***The Miss Fairy Tail Contest
will be decided by votes from
you readers!!***

You're the
judges!!!
Everybody
vote now!!!

But what
about my
500,000
Jewels?!

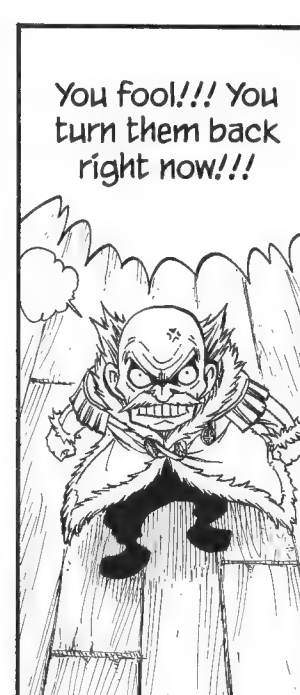


The contest was held during the magazine serialization of Fairy Tail, and voting has been completed. Votes are now being tallied.

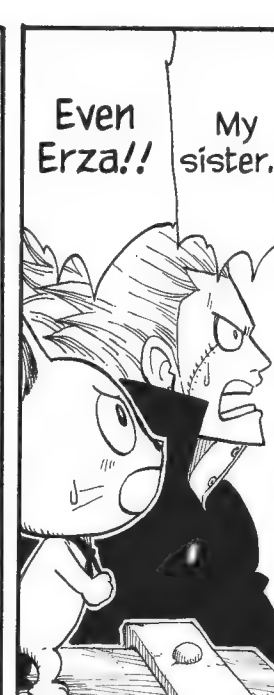




Yo!
Idiots
of Fairy
Tail!!!



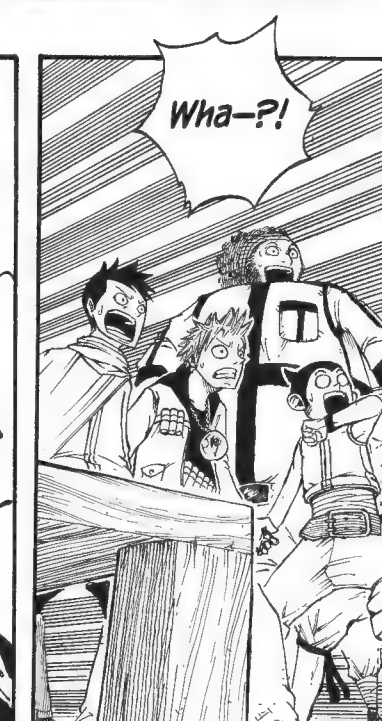
You fool!!! You
turn them back
right now!!!



Even
Erza!! My
sister...



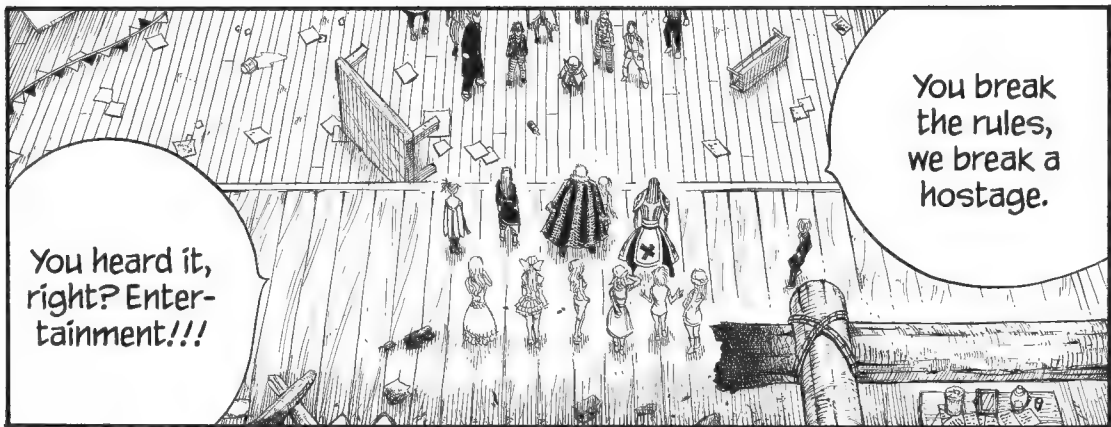
She turned
everyone in
the backstage
waiting area to
stone?!!



Wha-?!





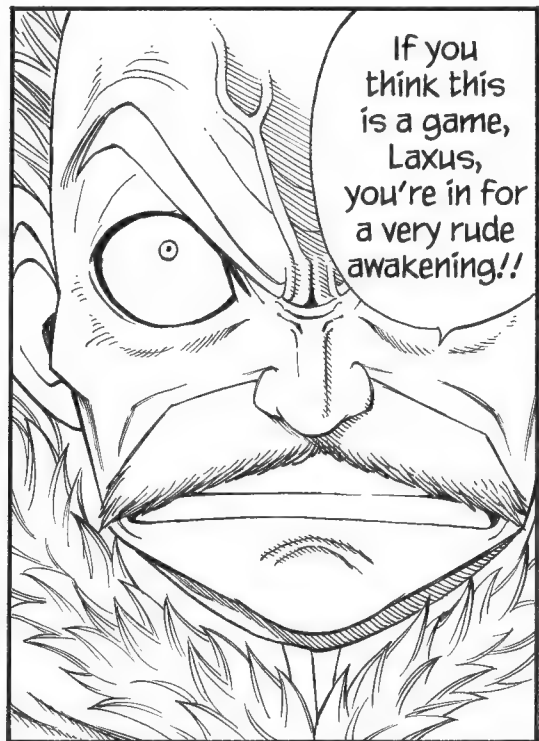


You heard it,
right? Enter-
tainment!!!

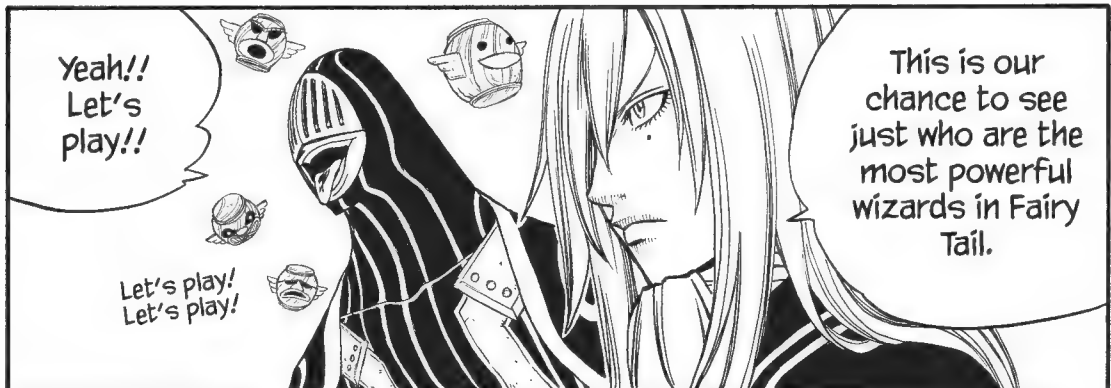
You break
the rules,
we break a
hostage.



Oh,
we're
very
serious
about
this!!



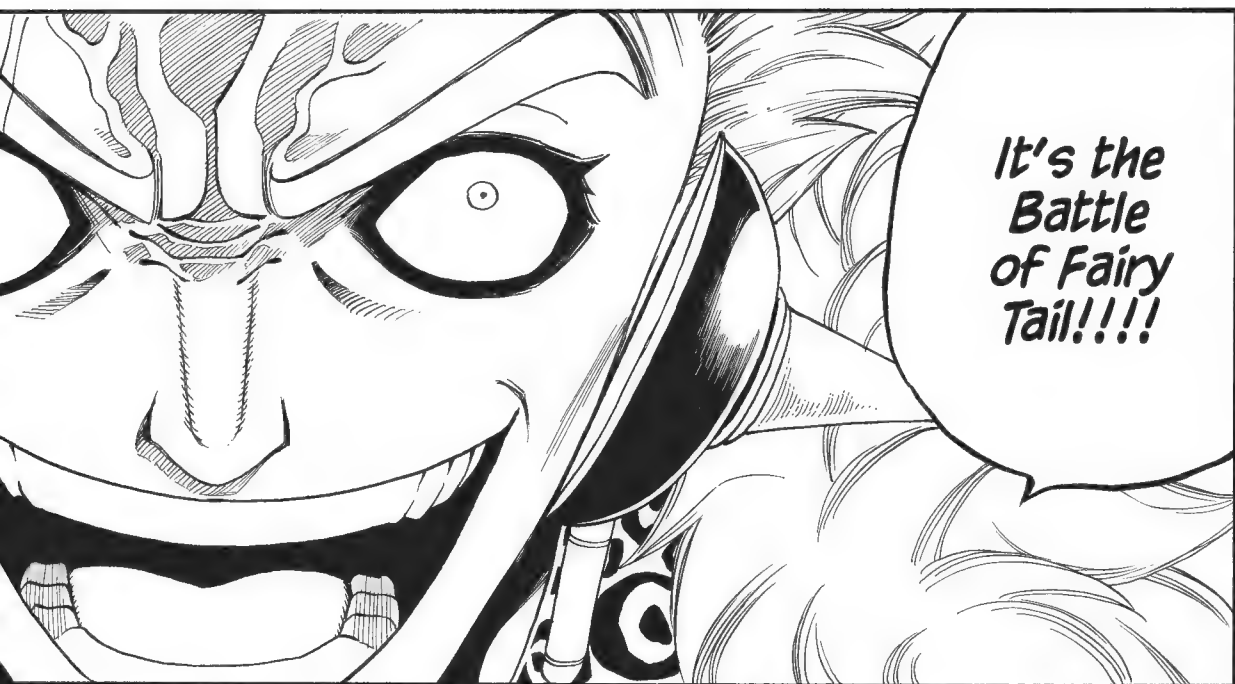
If you
think this
is a game,
Laxus,
you're in for
a very rude
awakening!!

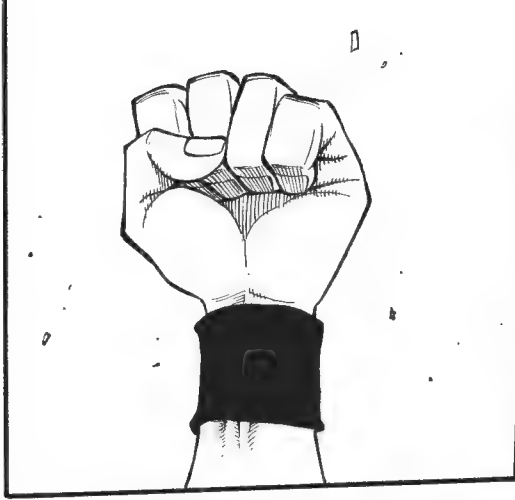


Yeah!!
Let's
play!!

Let's play!
Let's play!

This is our
chance to see
just who are the
most powerful
wizards in Fairy
Tail.





***I'm fired
up!!!!***

***I like it!!!
It's easy to
understand!!!***

Natsu!!!

FAIRY TAIL



FAIRY TAIL	
Name: Bickslow	Age: 22 yrs.
Magic: Seith Magic (Puppetry)	
Likes: Souls	Dislikes: White Magic



Remarks

Seith Magic (Puppetry) takes errant souls and turns them into puppets. It's also possible to possess objects and control them. That's as opposed to Nab's magic, Seith Magic (Animals), in which the spirits of animals magically come to reside in one's body. Even though it's the same Seith Magic, the methods are completely different, but that variety can be considered a strength of the guild.

Contrary to his creepy looks, he's given his five puppets (Tome-Men) an odd assortment of cute names. From left to right is Pippi, Poppo, Pappa, Peppe, and Poppu.



Natsu...

You tend to
jump onboard
ideas like
that, and that
attitude is...

...something
I like.



Let's
go!!!

Hey...
Don't you
remember
the number
Lexus did on
you a while
back?!!



Natsu!

It's a
festival!
Right, old
man?



That was last year!

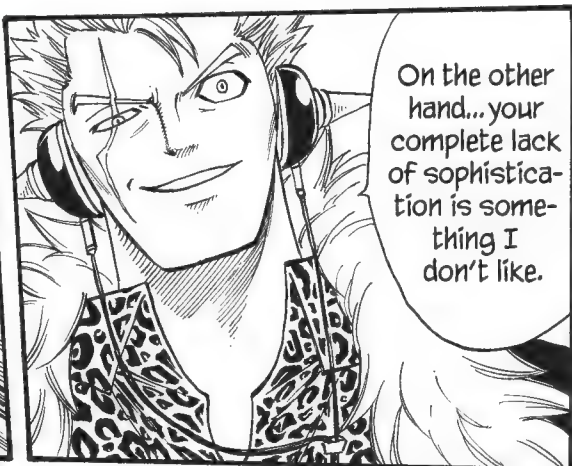
Last year, I was a kid!!!

That was back when I was a kid!!!



Calm down, Natsu.

HYAAAAH!!!

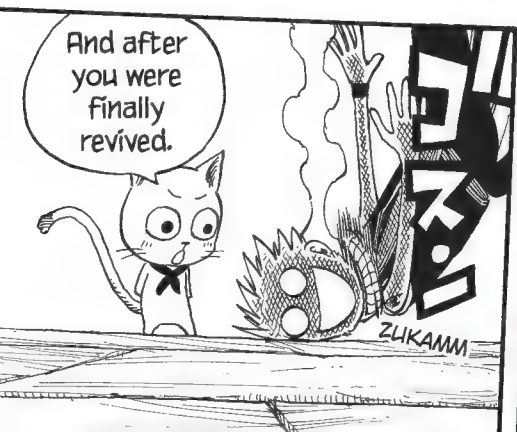


On the other hand... your complete lack of sophistication is something I don't like.



Natsu !!!

See? Didn't I tell you?!!



And after you were finally revived.

ZUKAMM

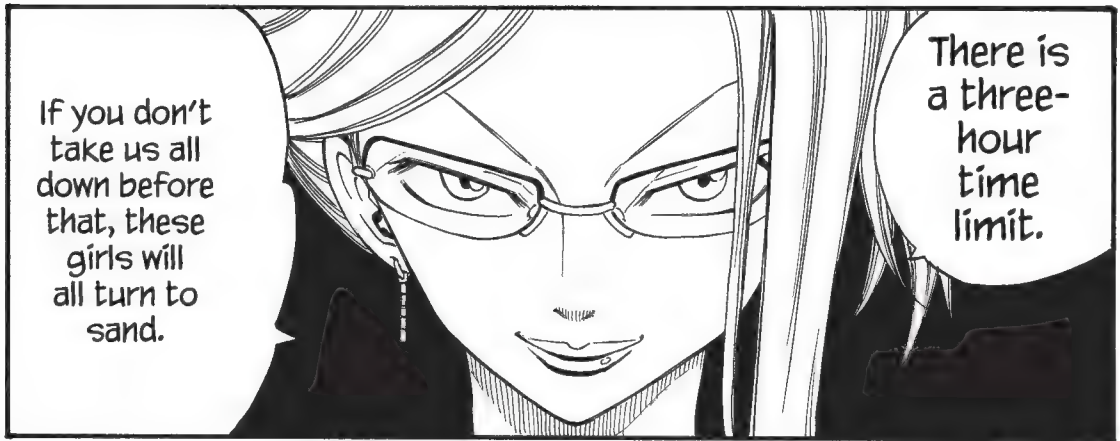


BCHH

CHH

CHHHHT

Byaaahhh!!!!





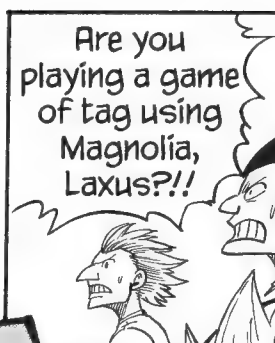


*Let the
Battle
of Fairy
Tail...*

*... begin
!!!!*



That
big
fool!!!!



Are you
playing a game
of tag using
Magnolia,
Lexus?!!



H-He van-
ished!!!



*Those
jerks!!!!*

*Dammit!!!!
I've got
to save my
sister!!!!*



Who does he think we are?!!!!

No, crushed!!!
I mean crushed!!!

We need Laxus captured!!!



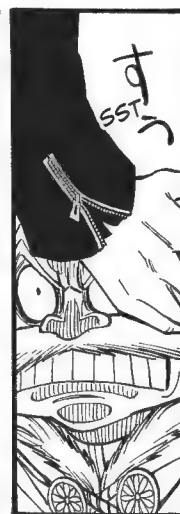
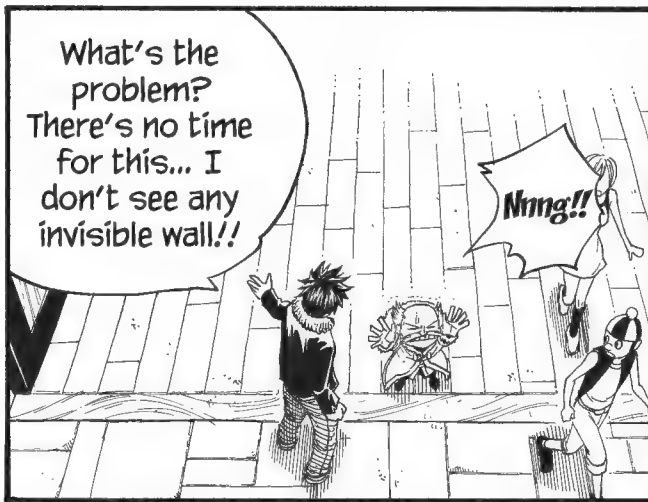
I'm going to rescue you, okay?

Bisca...



...I'm going to find that punk and put a stop to all this!!!!

I'm going to...





There's writing in the air?!!

!!!



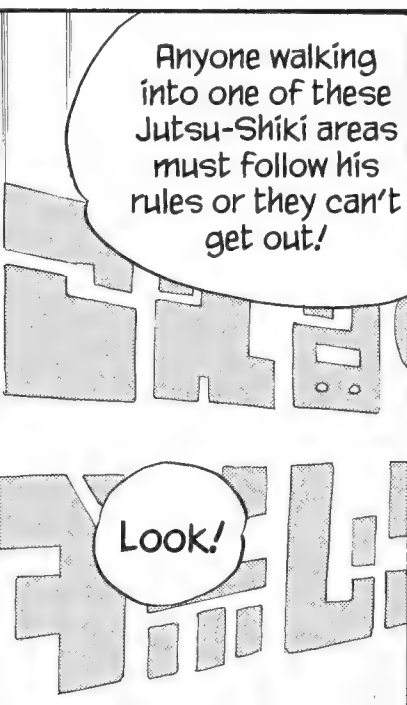
Jutsu-Shiki?

He makes a type of ward.



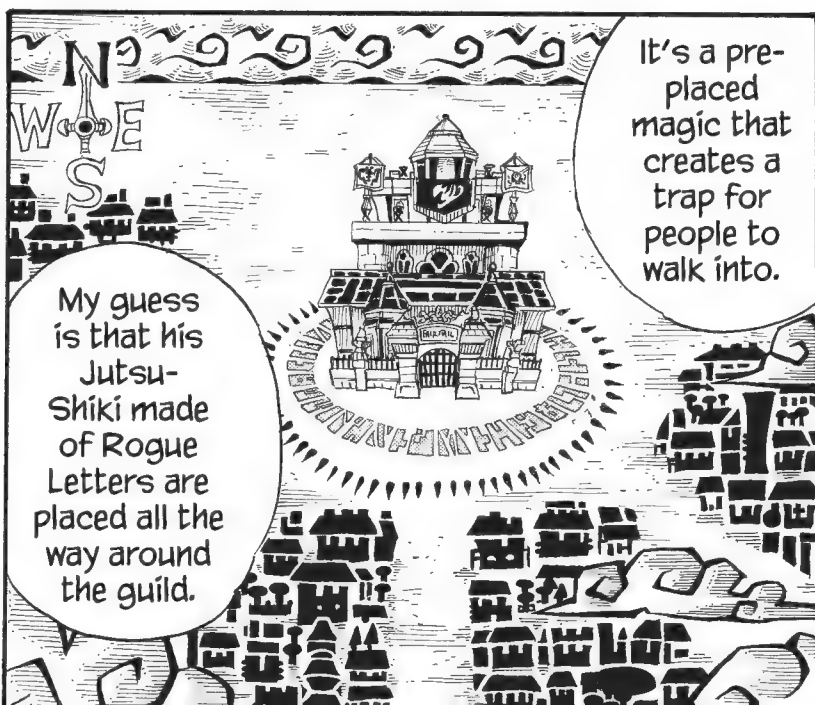
...Fried's Jutsu-Shiki?!!!

Is this...



Anyone walking into one of these Jutsu-Shiki areas must follow his rules or they can't get out!

Look!



It's a pre-placed magic that creates a trap for people to walk into.

My guess is that his Jutsu-Shiki made of Rogue Letters are placed all the way around the guild.



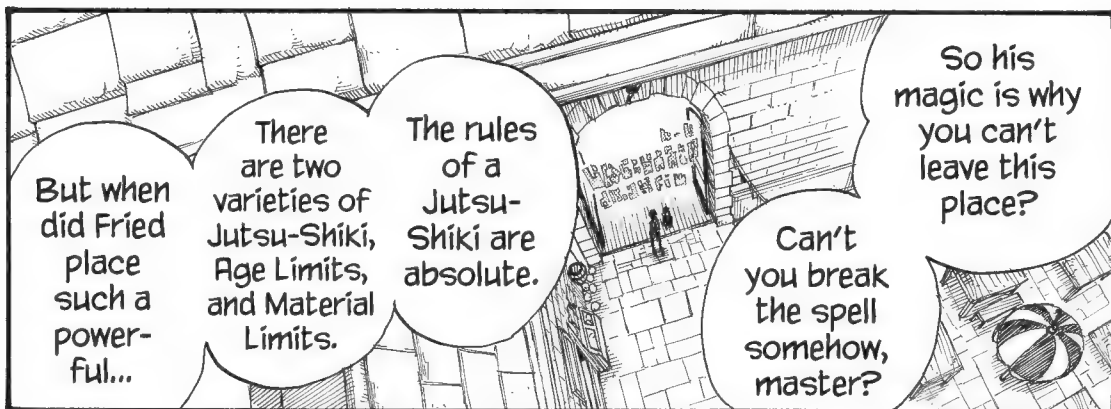
Jutsu-Shiki take a long time to draw. And it isn't very useful in sudden battles, but there is no power better when it comes to laying traps!!



What is this kind of magic?! It's like whoever sets the rules first wins!!

Rule:

Anyone over 80 years of age or Stone Statues are forbidden from crossing this border.



But when did Fried place such a powerful...

There are two varieties of Jutsu-Shiki, Age Limits, and Material Limits.

The rules of a Jutsu-Shiki are absolute.

So his magic is why you can't leave this place?

Can't you break the spell somehow, master?



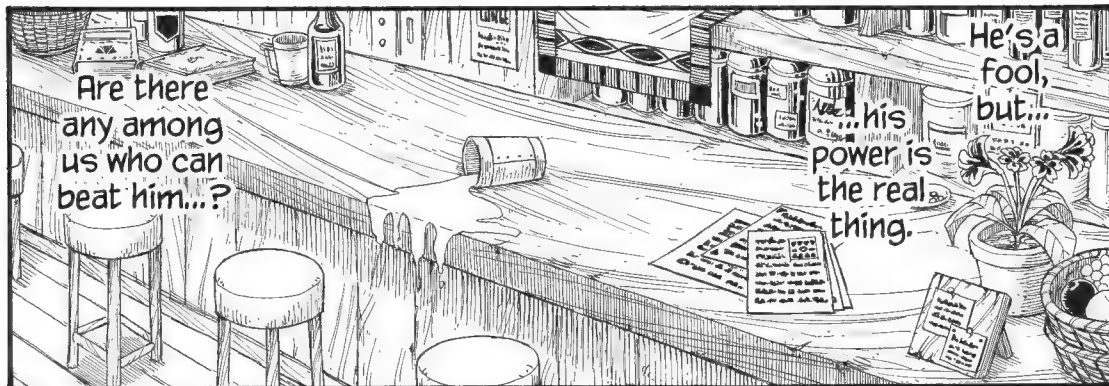
Gray!!!

If that's the case, then we're just going to have to do it ourselves!



They thought this through.

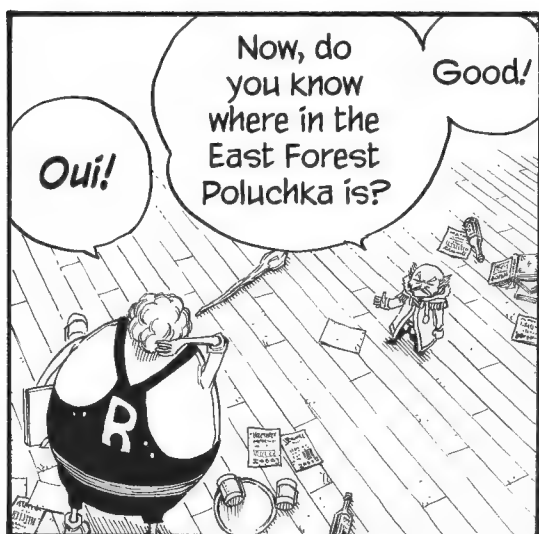
They never intended to allow you to participate in the first place, huh?





Erza
might
have a
chance...

...but with
her in this
condition...



Oui!

Now, do
you know
where in the
East Forest
Poluchka is?

Good!



F-Forgive...
I-I am...
afraid... of
Laxus...

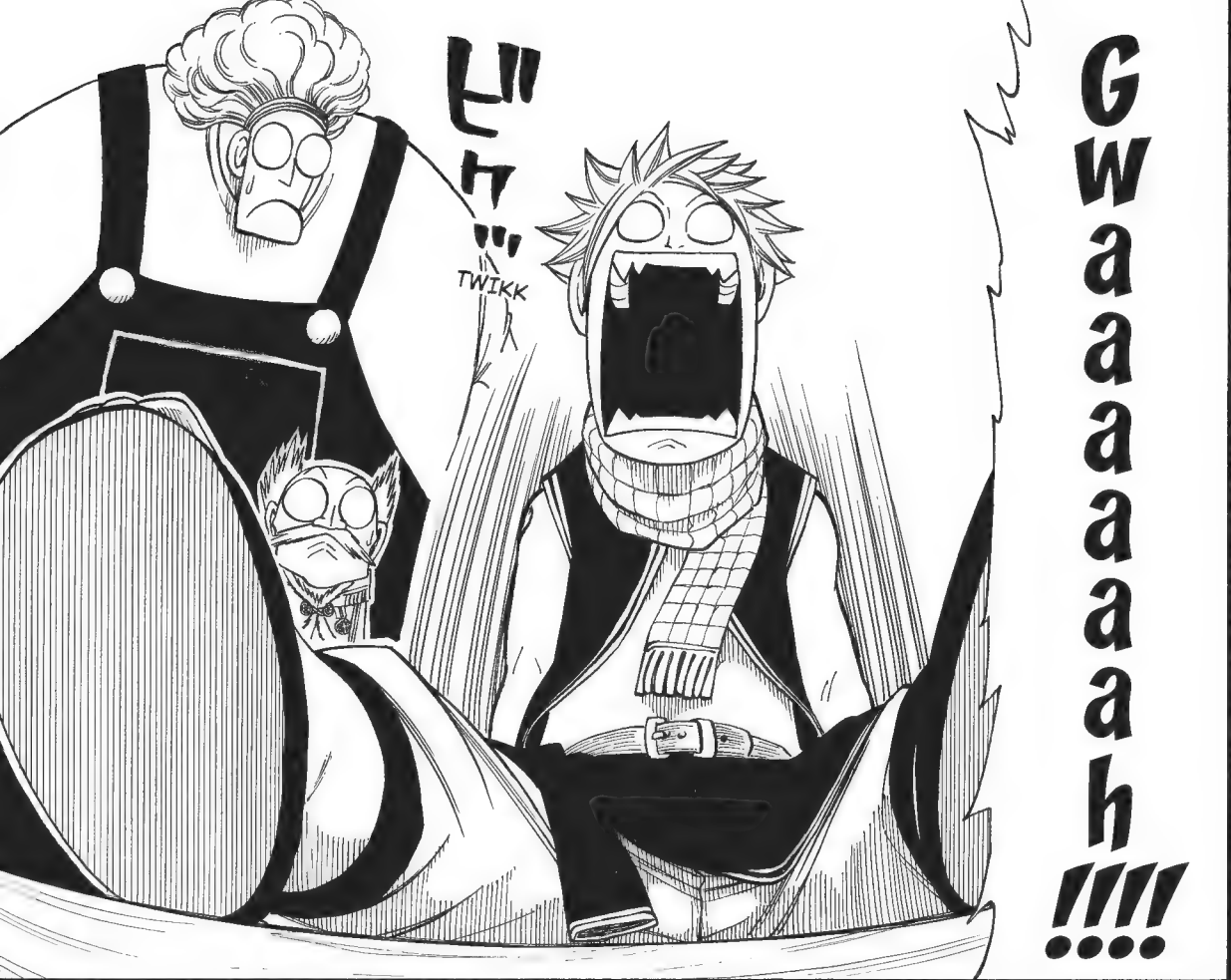
It's
you,
Reedus
!!



Oui!!!
That,
I can
do!!!

There
should be
some medicine
that cures
petrification!

Can you
go get it?



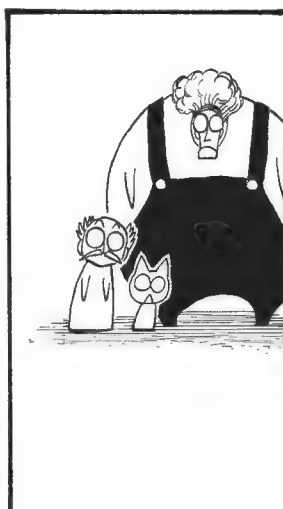
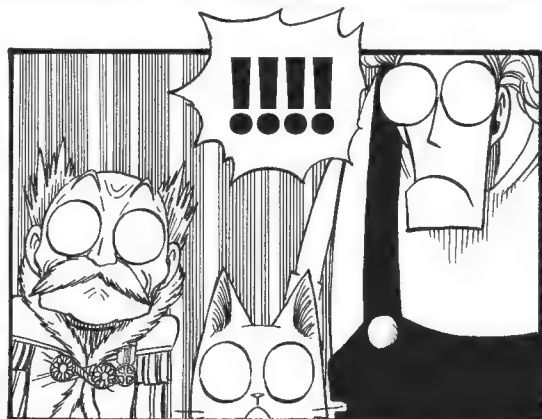
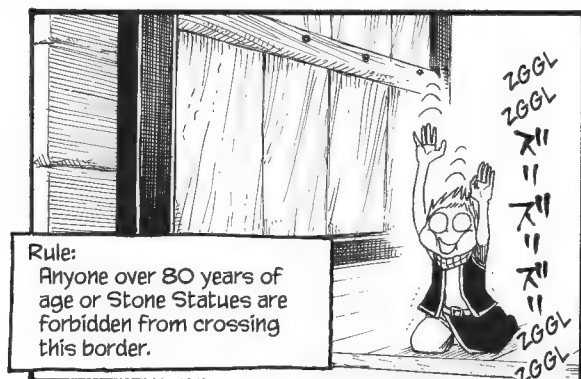
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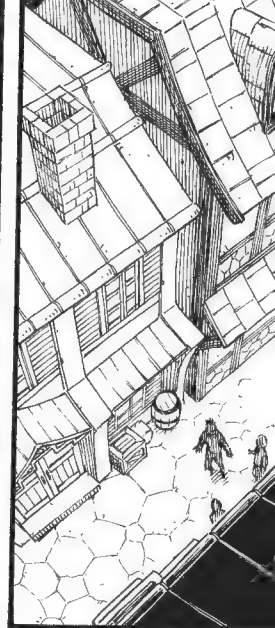
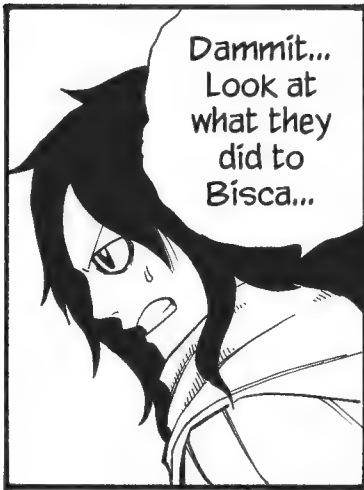
*Lexus's festival
has begun!!!!
Lexus can be
found somewhere
in town!!!!*

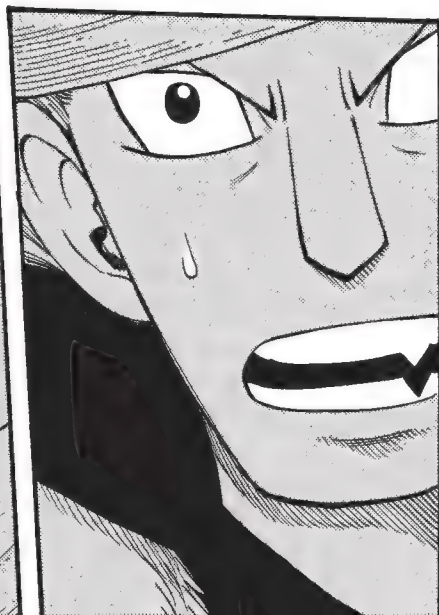
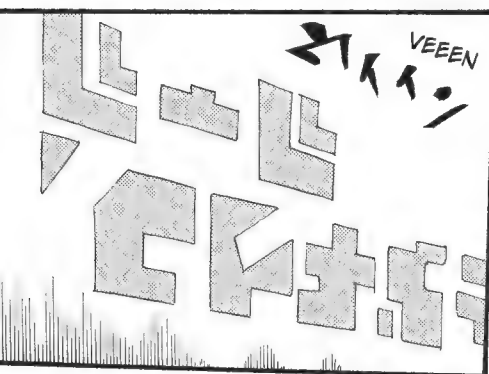


*Go and take
him down!!!!*











Rule:

Only the strongest wizard has the possibility of leaving the boundaries of this Jutsu-Shiki.



That we're supposed to take each other out?



Huh?

Wh-What's that supposed to mean?



Forgive me!



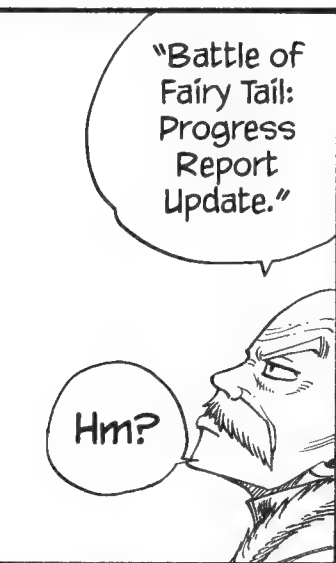
That's a dirty trick, Fried!!!

Dammit!! Then we're trapped!! We'd never do that to each other!!!



I can't just sit around in this little area all day!!!

I have to save Bisca!!!



"Battle of Fairy Tail: Progress Report Update."

Hm?



VEEEN

!!!

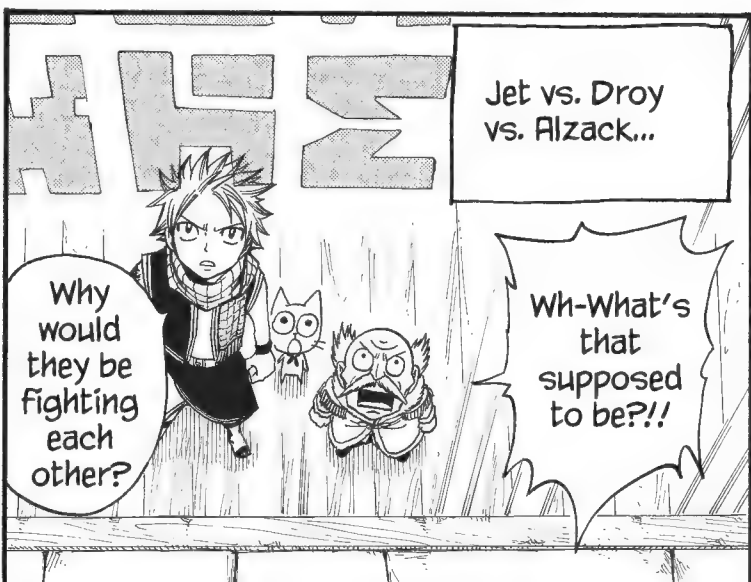


What's that supposed to mean, Natsu?!! That you're a stone statue or that you're over 80 years old?!!

How should I know?!! Why can't I get out of here?!!



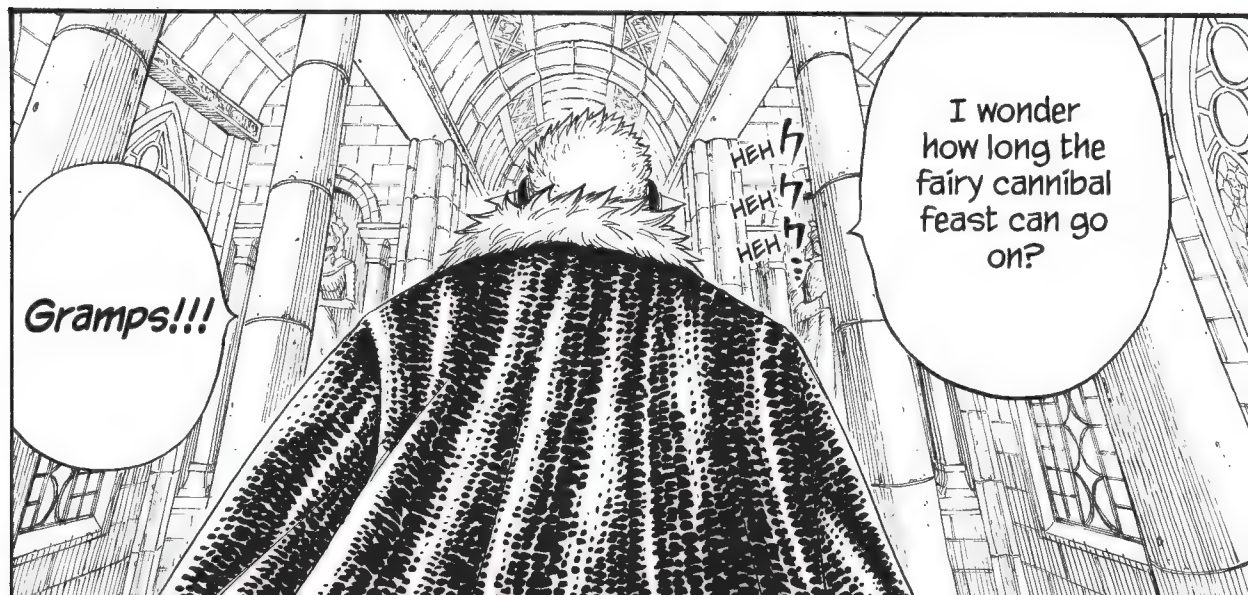
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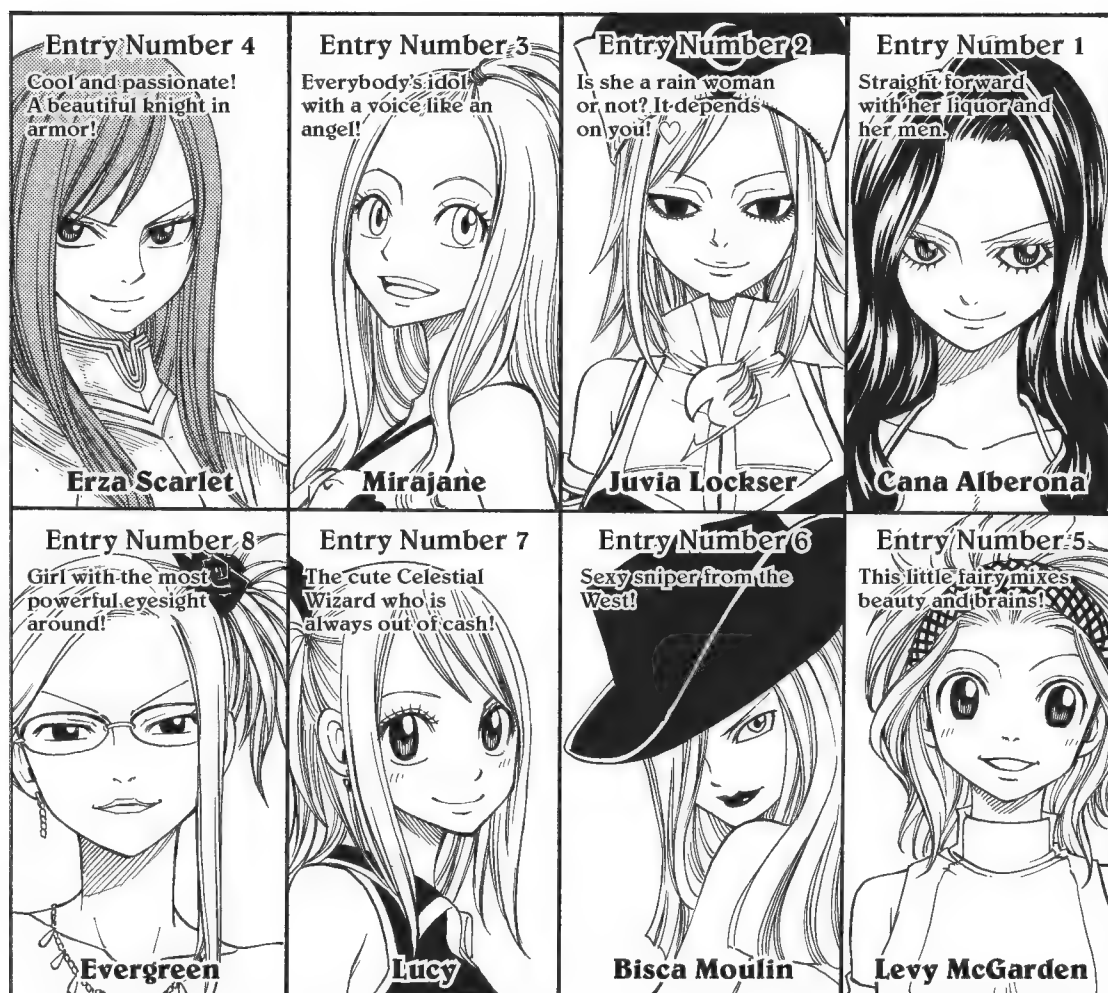
Jet vs. Droy vs. Alzack...

Why would they be fighting each other?

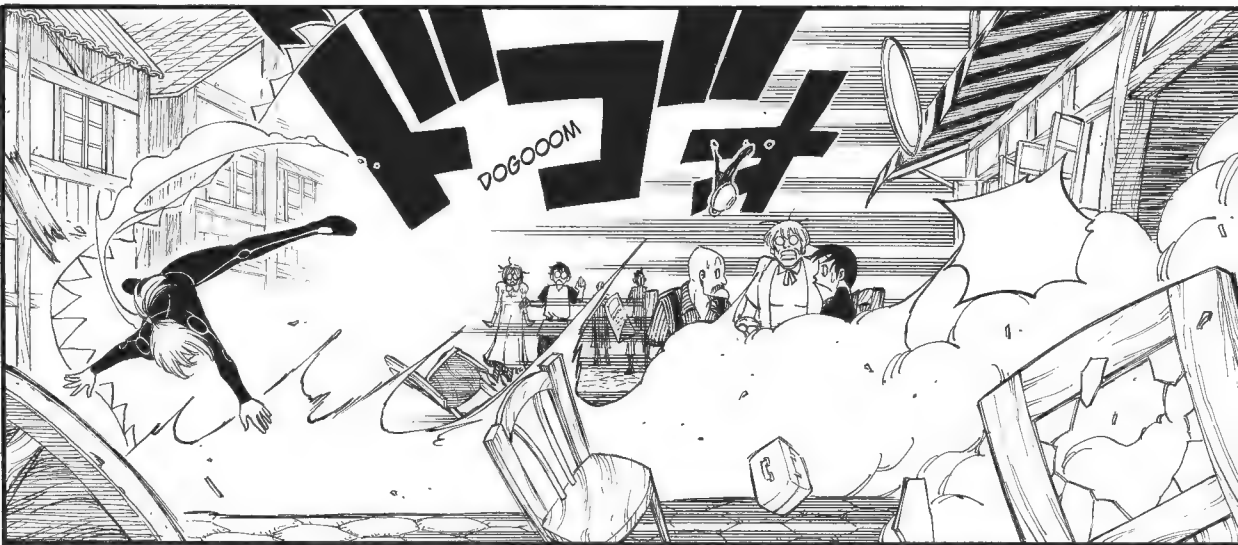
Wh-What's that supposed to be?!!

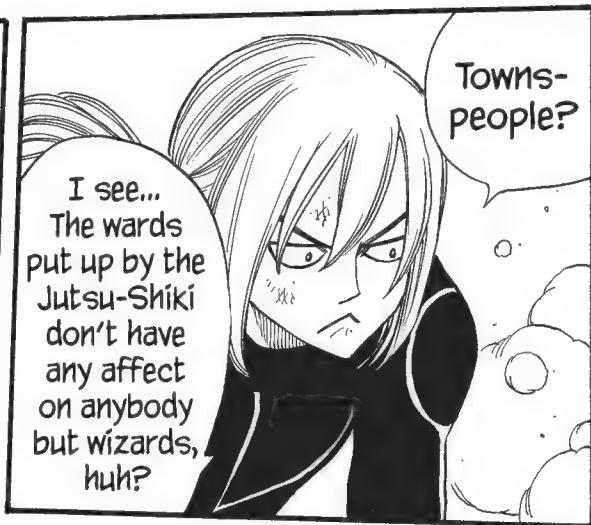


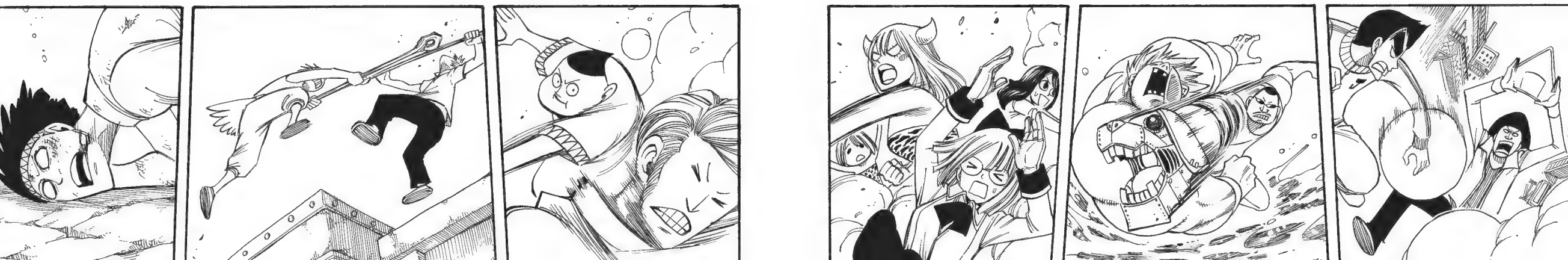
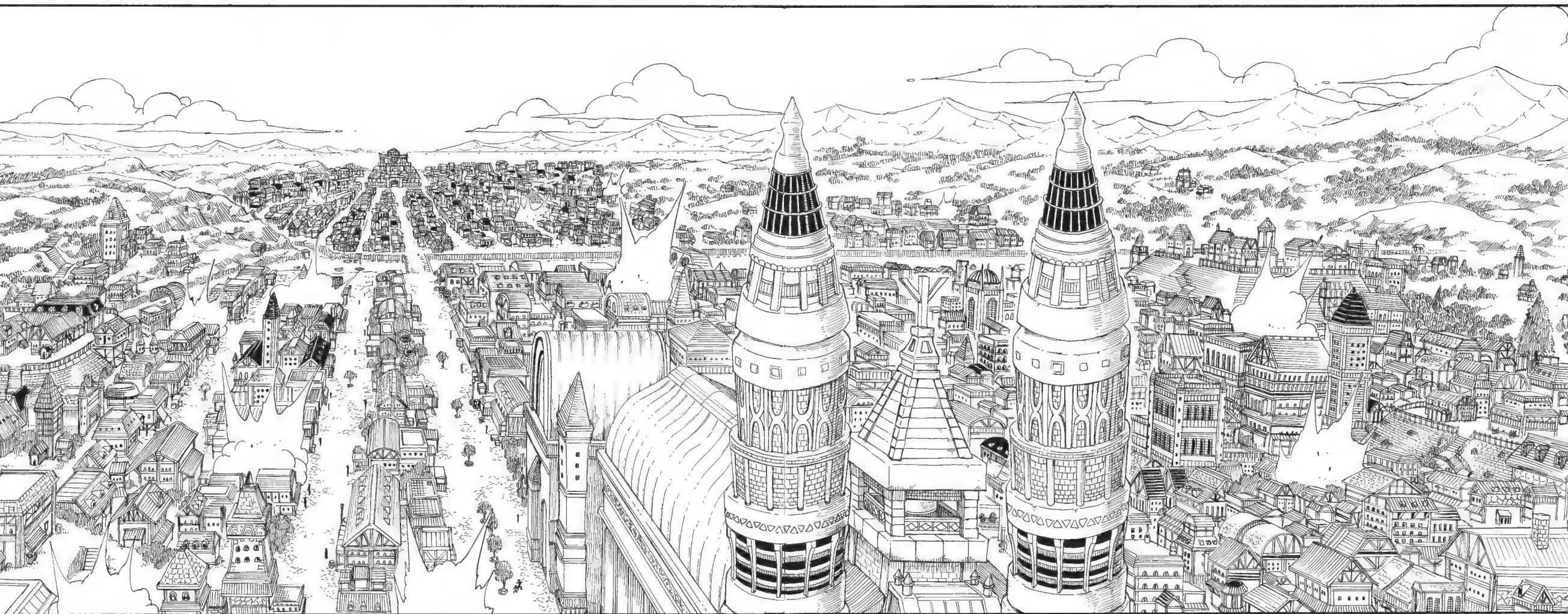
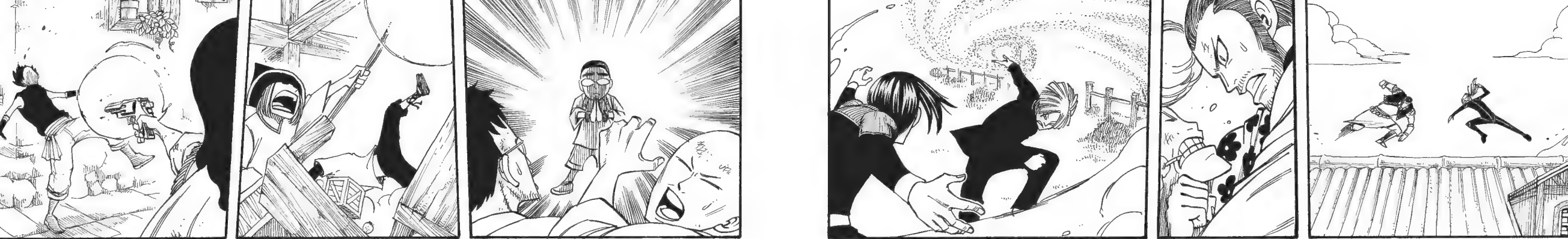
FAIRY TAIL



Chapter 109: Friendly Fire for Friendship's Sake









Wang vs. Joy
Winner: Wang

Mickey: Only survivor
of a field of four

Wakaba vs. Ma
Battle begun

Will you
punks
just
stop?!!

Max vs. Warren
Winner: Warren

Krov vs. Nigy
Both taken out
in a simultaneous
attack.

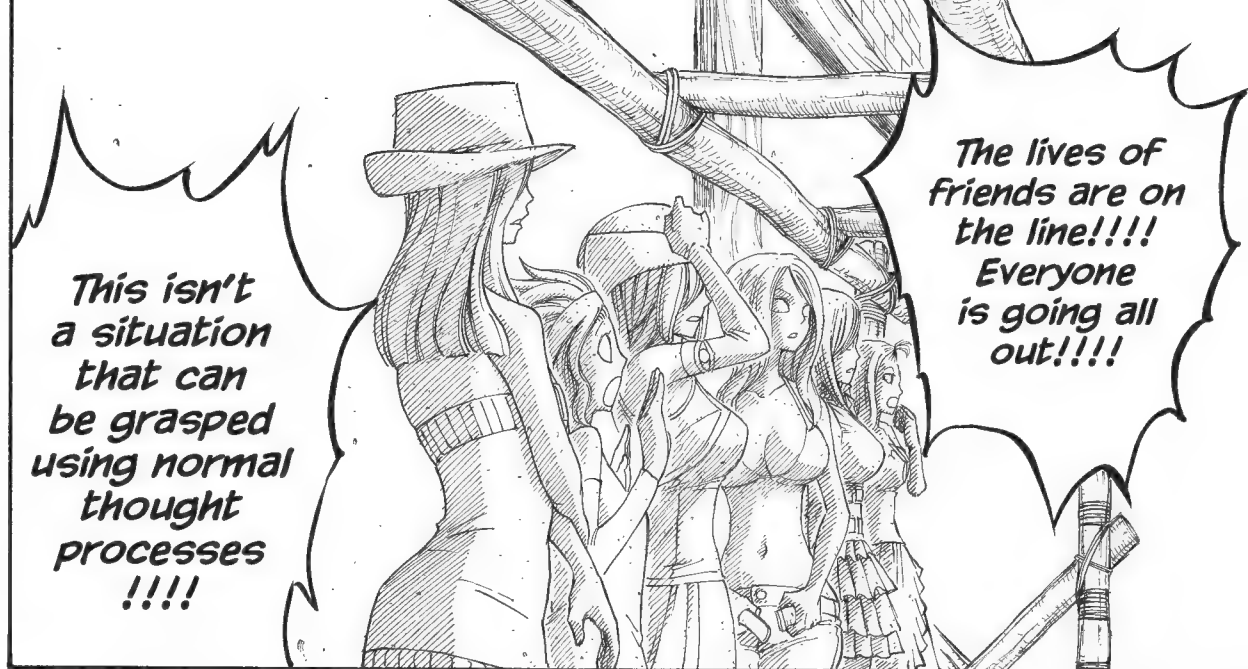
Stop
it!!!

Dammit... !!!

Is this what
Laxus meant
when he said,
"Battle of
Fairy Tail"?

There are Jutsu-
Shiki traps set
all throughout
the town. And
everybody who
falls into them
has to battle to
get out.



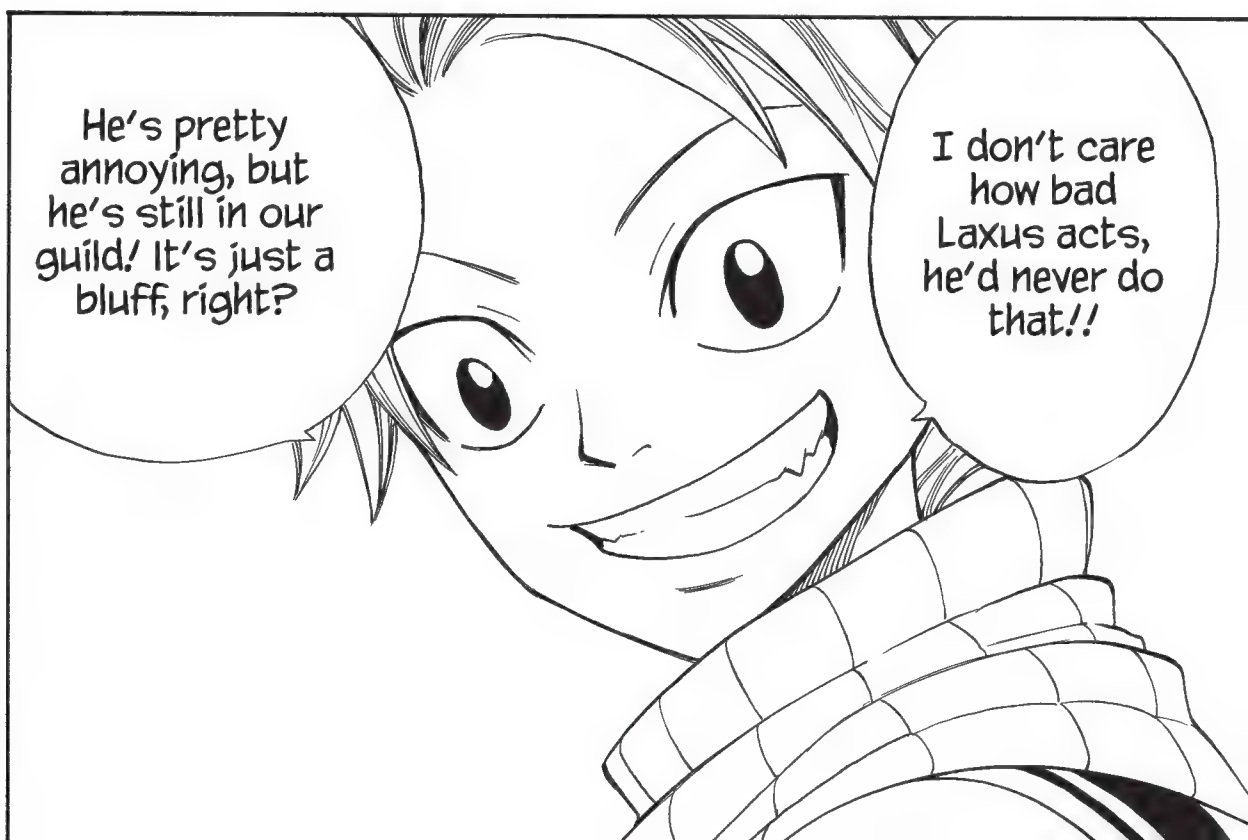
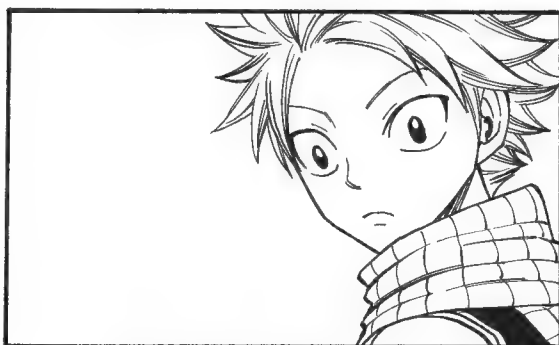


*This isn't
a situation
that can
be grasped
using normal
thought
processes
!!!!*

*The lives of
friends are on
the line!!!!
Everyone
is going all
out!!!!*



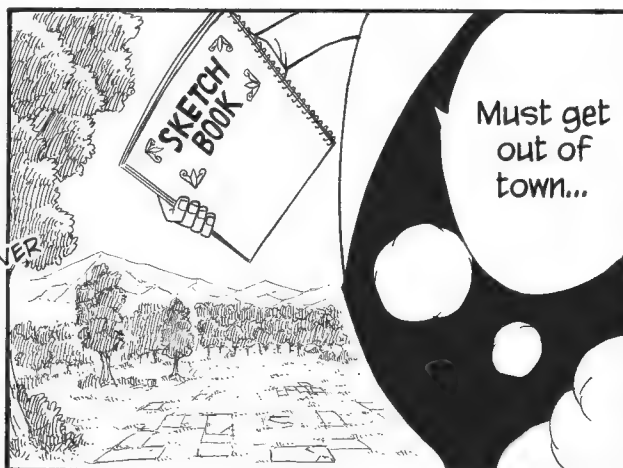
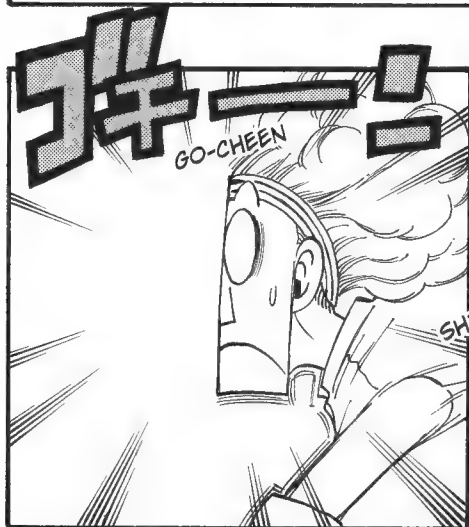
If things go
on as they are,
those who were
turned into stone
will crumble into
sand, and we'll
never see them
again!

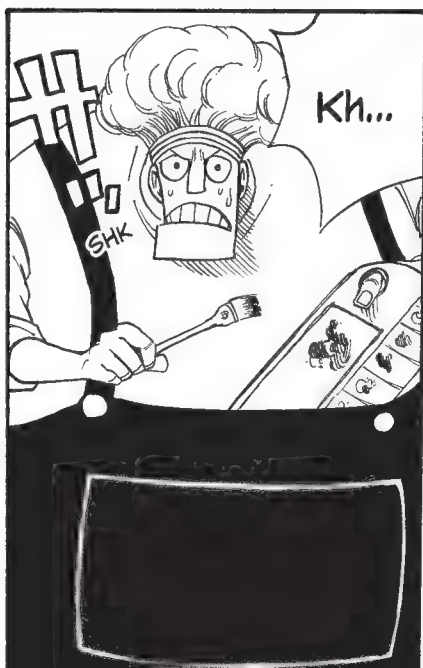
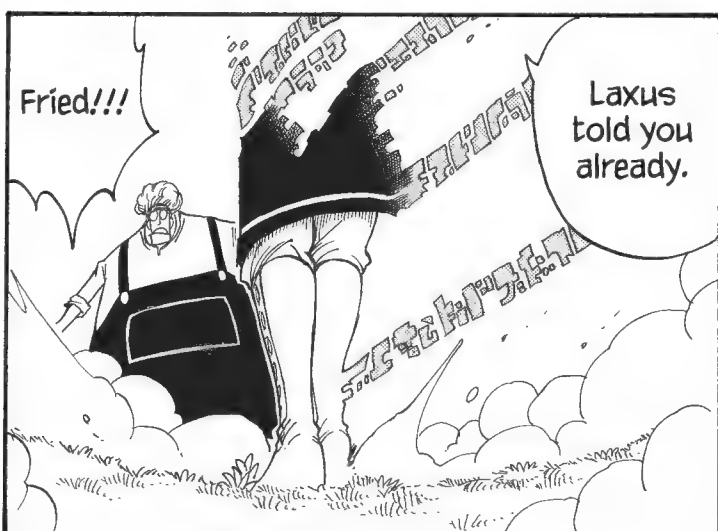


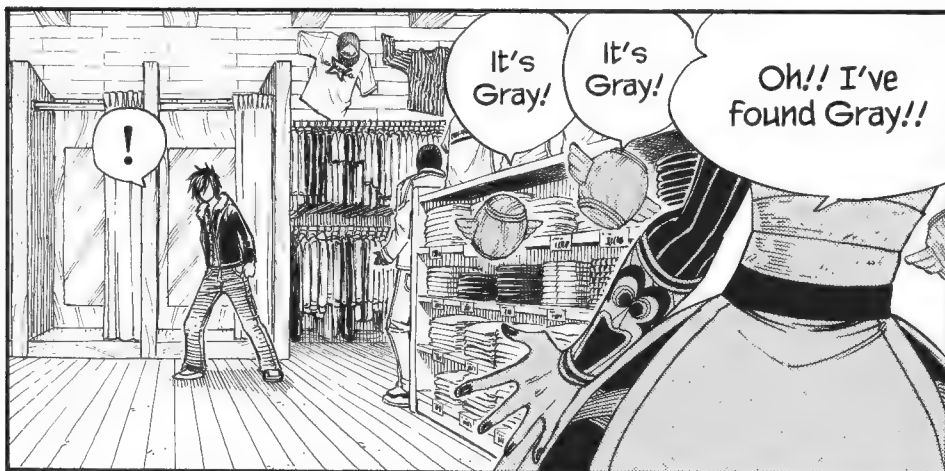
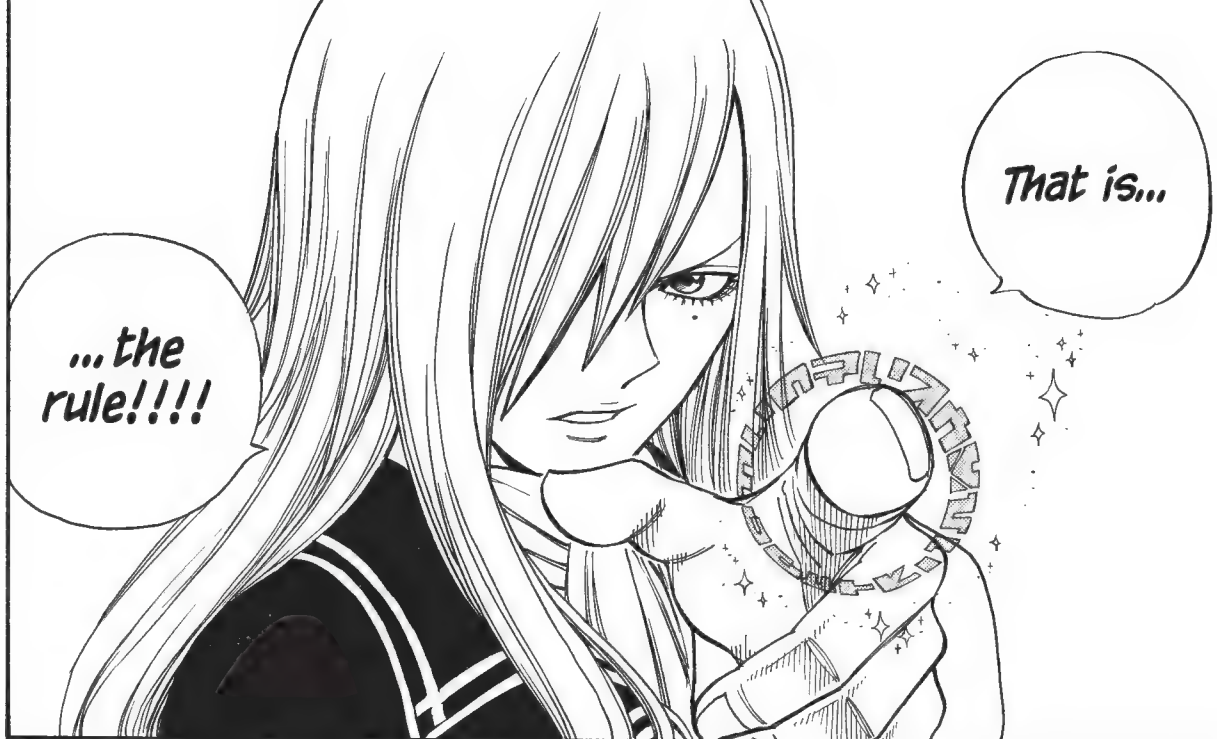
He's pretty
annoying, but
he's still in our
guild! It's just a
bluff, right?

I don't care
how bad
Lexus acts,
he'd never do
that!!

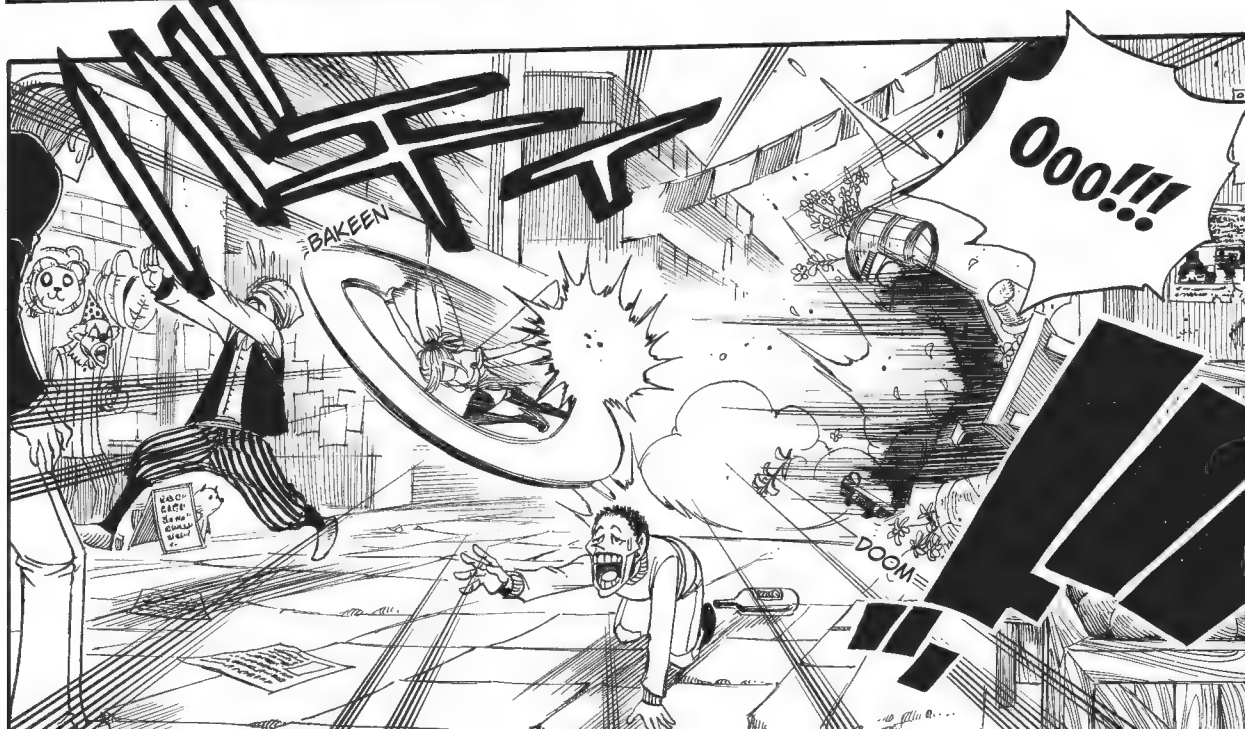
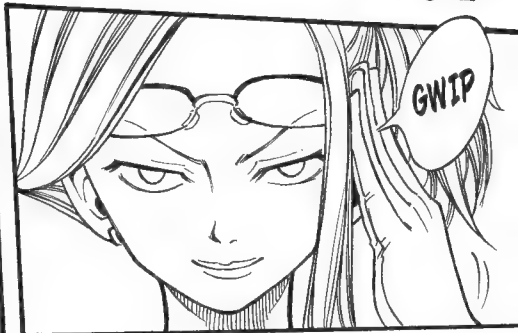
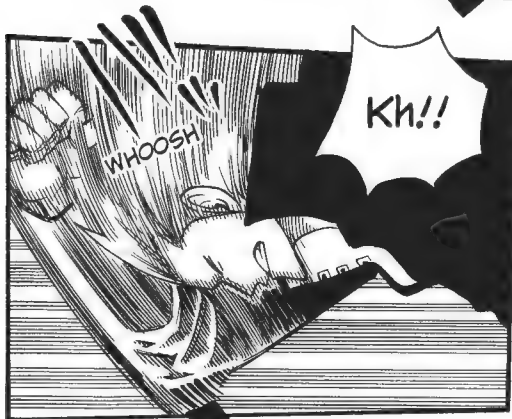


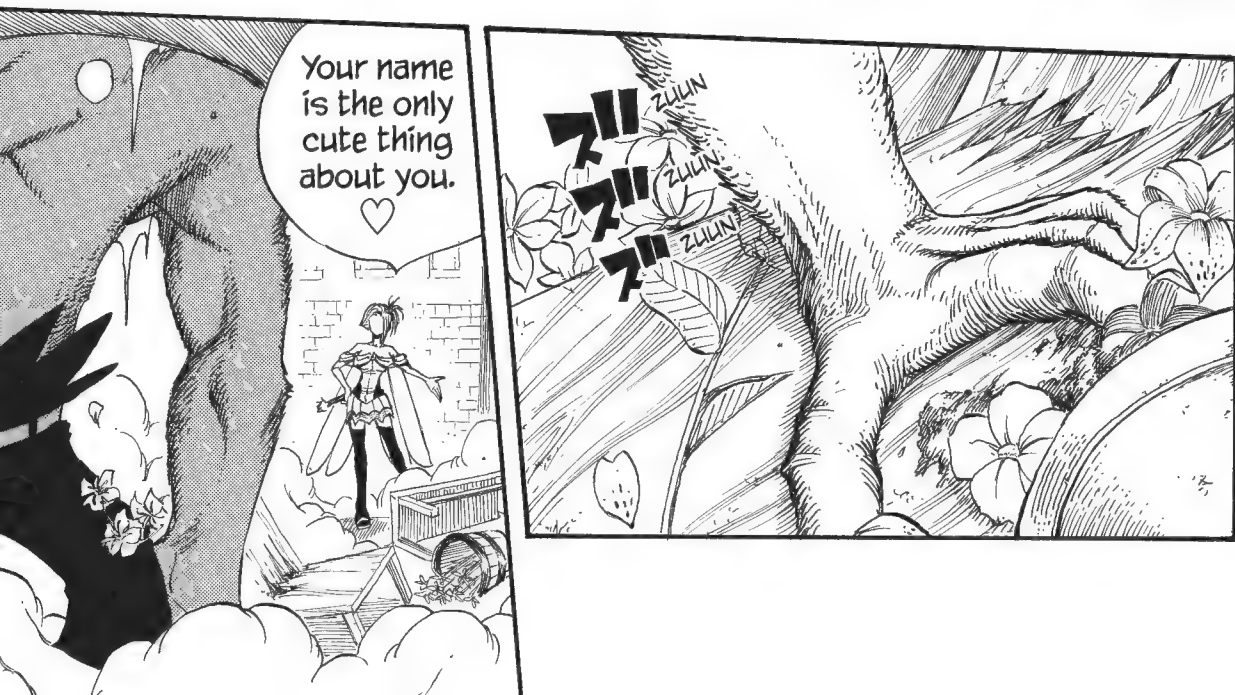
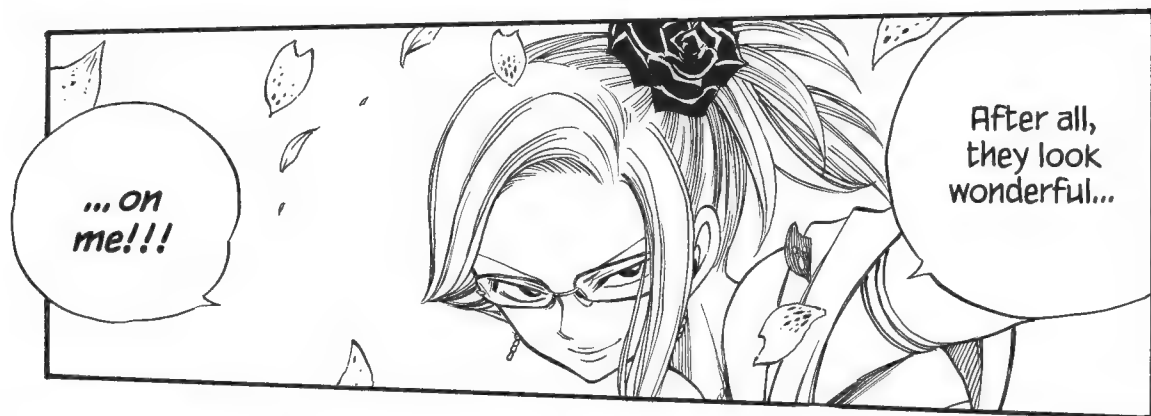
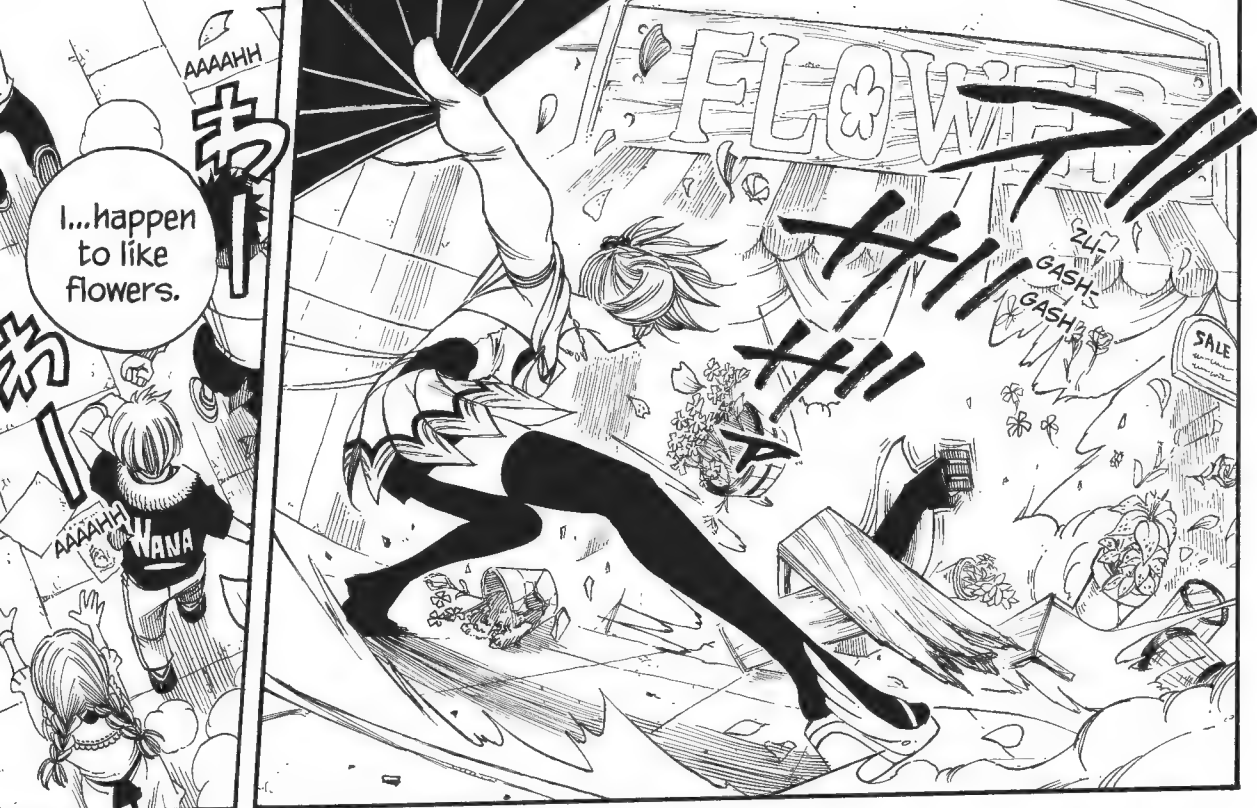


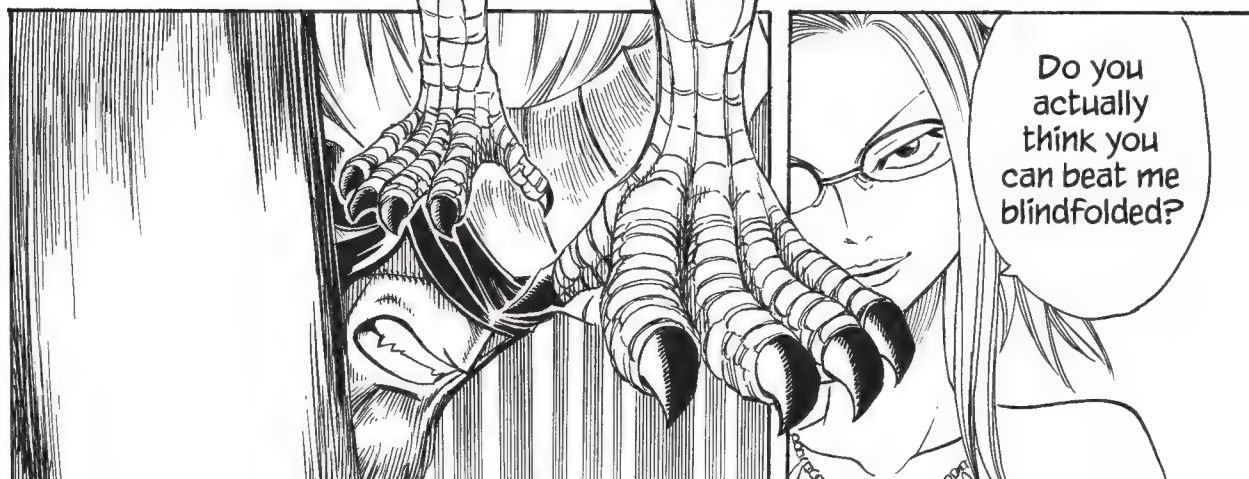


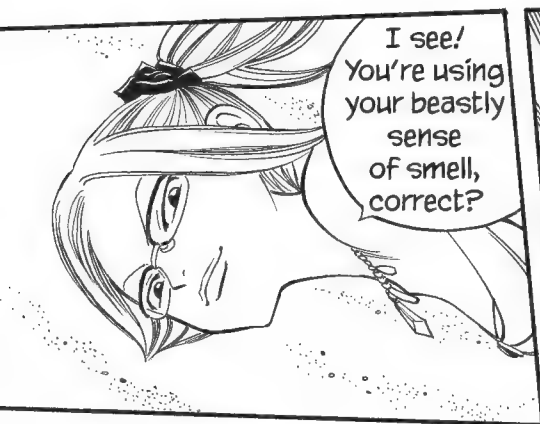
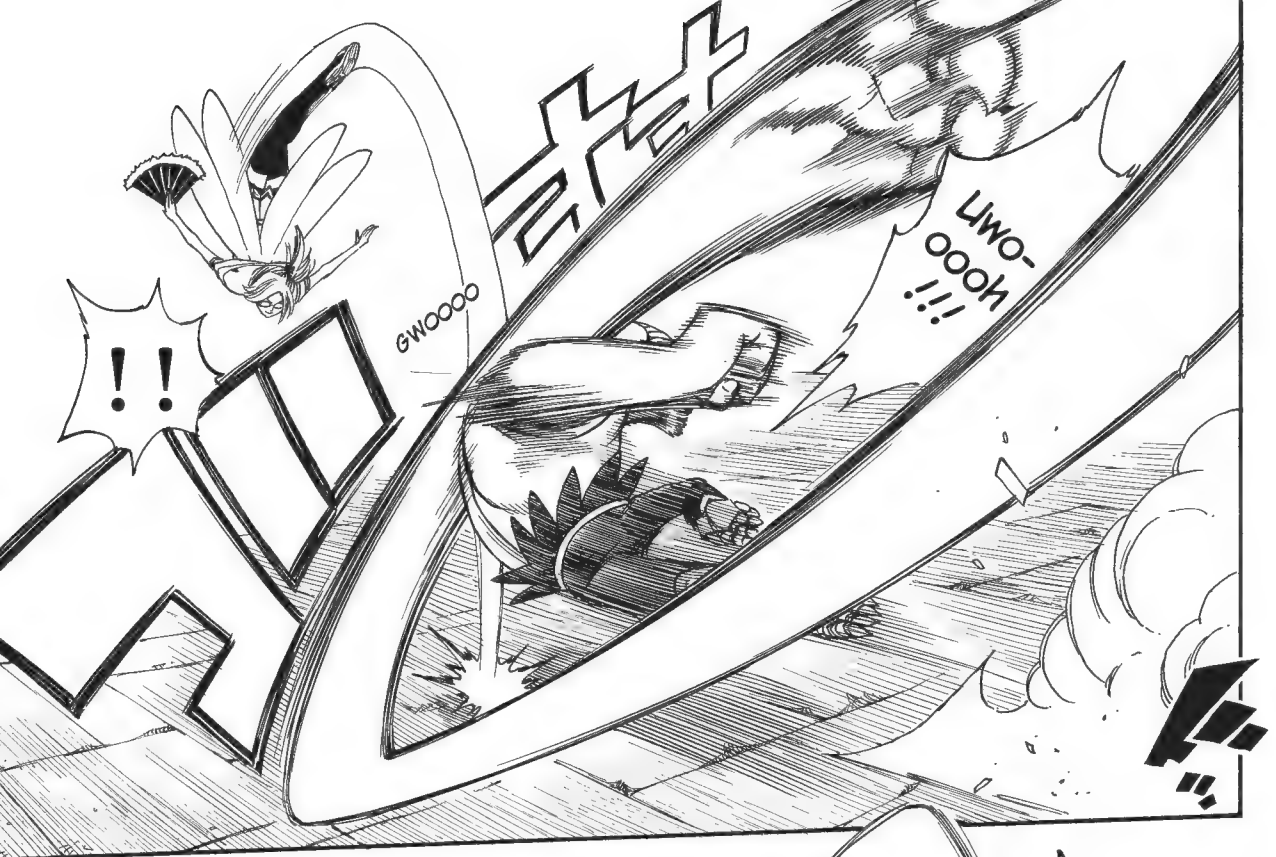












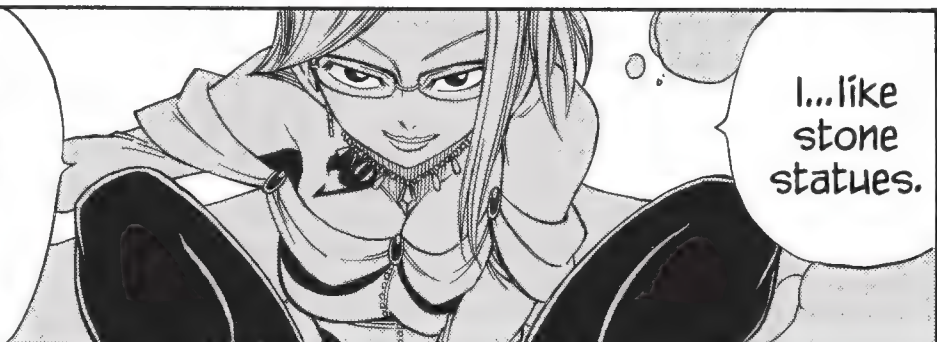
*Fairy Bomb,
Gremlin!!!!*

G
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O
H
H
H
H
!!!!





I don't care how ugly a beast you may be. Once you turn into a stone statue, your aesthetic value goes way up!!



I...like stone statues.

As if you were entrusting all your beauty to me!!!



Now, look at me!!!

Evergreen
vs. Elfman
Winner: Evergreen

Elfman
Unable to defend
himself

VEE
HI VEE
VEE
HI

Remaining Members:
42

Remaining Members:
42

Remaining Members:
41

VEET

Remaining Members:
41

The
Raijin Tribe
has gotten
into the
fight!!!

Grrr...
Gray is in
the middle of
a battle with
Bickslow!!!

I want to be out
there too...

I never
thought
that
Elfman
would
be taken
out...

Lexus...

TO BE CONTINUED



Last time, I wrote, “The Erza chapter is over!” But the real end was in this volume. (sweat sweat) I really liked the fireworks installment, if I do say so myself. Also, in that installment, I included somewhere in the crowd scenes, numbermen (people with numbers 1-8). Look for them when you have spare time!

Now the story enters the Laxus chapter, but this is another series that I just suddenly came up with. Actually, up to now, I was thinking of doing a completely different story arc, but just as I was doing the installment where Fairy Tail is featured in the magazine, I thought, hold on a second... If Laxus saw that article, wouldn't he get really angry at it? And little by little the present story line developed. And before I had gone much further in my musings, bang!! I'm writing the Laxus chapter!! The plot twists were plot twists that just suddenly came to me (well, that's nothing new). The Harvest Festival and the Raijin Tribe, they were all things I came up with during that installment. And the featured twist, how Natsu couldn't leave the Jutsu-Shiki area!!! That was also decided as I was working on that one installment!! (I wonder if that's okay...?) And with everything else, there are big plot twists coming in the next volume! (Look for them!)

Speaking of things I came up with, this volume also includes the new Fairy Tail, but I was working on those designs for weeks before that chapter. I had them down pat!! That is until it actually showed up, and then characters would appear and disappear from their places on a **whim**, and the **size** of the interiors would change bit by bit. (sweat sweat) Aww! Maybe I should say that I have corrected mistakes in the original designs, or even better, refined them to make them even better! When you look closely the size of the floorboards has changed, as has the height of the ceiling little by little. Magic is certainly incredible, isn't it (let's just call it magic and leave it at that, huh?)! If you take off the slipcover of the Japanese version, you can see my guild designs!

B-But even so, the guild is a bit **big**, huh?

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Rejection Corner



Gunma Prefecture,
Haruji Uchida
▲ S-Scary... I'm going to put it in because it scares me...

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(Taiwan, Wu Yu-Tong)



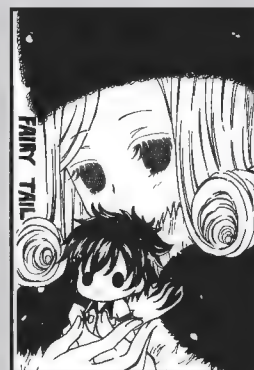
Wakayama Prefecture,
Ayana



Aomori Prefecture, KID

▼ Mmm... I think somebody's figured out that I'm a sucker for sexy illustrations.

▼ Now she's turned out to be a baddie, huh? I tend to like slightly twisted art like this.



Tokushima Prefecture,
Aoi Hyūga



Nagasaki Prefecture,
Yumemi-zuki

▼ Recently Juvia's popularity has really taken off! I wonder if she has a part to play in this story?

▼ Miss Fairy Tail! Who won it anyway?



Niigata Prefecture, Raiki

▼ A very old, nostalgic, scene. Did everyone notice the one place in this volume where Lyon shows up?



Gifu Prefecture,
Nekōto-san



Saitama Prefecture, Lee

▼ Whoa! This has a lot of details in it! During the installment with the fireworks, I personally came to really like Milla.

▼ Erza in pointillism! This kind of picture takes a lot of time to draw!!



Yamagata Prefecture,
Inumansee



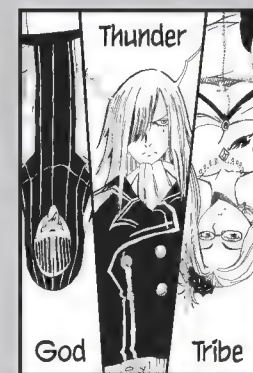
Hokaido, Helmet

▼ I really love these fun, high-energy pictures!!

▼ What a cute Juvia! Please continue to support her now that she's a FT member!



Kyoto, Ami Inoue



Tokyo, Reisque Ogawa

▼ Sort of "puny" versions of Lucy and Erza. It's really cute!

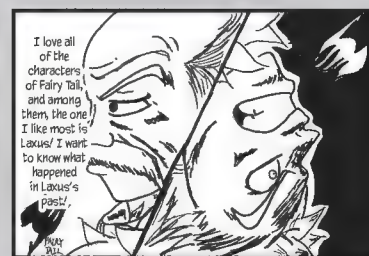
▼ Very quickly, the first Rajin Tribe image!! Which one will turn out to be the strongest?



Hyogo Prefecture, Tomeo

▼ Now, here we go off on another job! Why don't you come along too? Everybody in one frame!

▼ We've finally started the Laxus chapter! How will it play out?



Mie Prefecture, Yūsuke Kobayashi

Translation Notes

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction in our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Names

Hiro Mashima has graciously agreed to provide official English spellings for just about all of the characters in *Fairy Tail*. Because this version of *Fairy Tail* is the first publication of most of these spellings, there will inevitably be differences between these spellings and some of the fan interpretations that may have spread throughout the web or in other fan circles. Rest assured that what is contained in this book are the spellings that Mashima-sensei wanted for *Fairy Tail*.

Wizard

In the original Japanese version of *Fairy Tail*, there are occasional images where the word “Wizard” is found. This translation has taken that as its inspiration, and translated the word *madôshi* as wizard. But *madôshi*'s meaning is similar to certain Japanese words that have been borrowed into the English language such as judo (the soft way) and kendo (the way of the sword). *Madô* is the way of magic, and *madôshi* are those who follow the way of magic. So although the word “wizard” is used, the Japanese would think less of traditional western wizards such as Merlin or Gandalf, and more of martial artists.

Night Festivals, page 23

Night festivals and markets are a Japanese summer tradition. These are usually a bunch of small stalls set up on the grounds of a local temple, shrine, park, or other public place, that sell food, souvenirs, or chances to play midway-style games. The festivals are usually in connection with some local or religious celebration, but they can also take place without any special connection to outside events. Often women go to these festivals in elaborately decorated light cotton kimono called *yukata*. Men can also go in more subdued *yukata*, however western dress is more common for male attendees.

Welcome back, page 46

There are a number of standard Japanese phrases, and *okaeri-nasai* (or *okaeri* for short) is one of the most used. It means “welcome back” to a home, place of business, or any place that a person can feel he/she belongs.

A guild is one such place, so when Natsu, Lucy and the others return to Fairy Tail, all of their guildmates start by saying “welcome back.” The traditional response to this is *tadaima* meaning “just now” but is a shortened version of *tadaima kaerimashita*, “I have just now returned.”



Cast-off figure, page 47

Leave it to the hardcore culture of Akihabara otaku to create (or at least embrace) any trend that makes it possible to undress their favorite female anime characters. Cast-off is a pun referring not only to the fact that the figure's plastic clothing can be cast off the figure, but since PVC figures are injection molded (or “cast”) some of the “castings” can come off the figure.



Jason, page 69

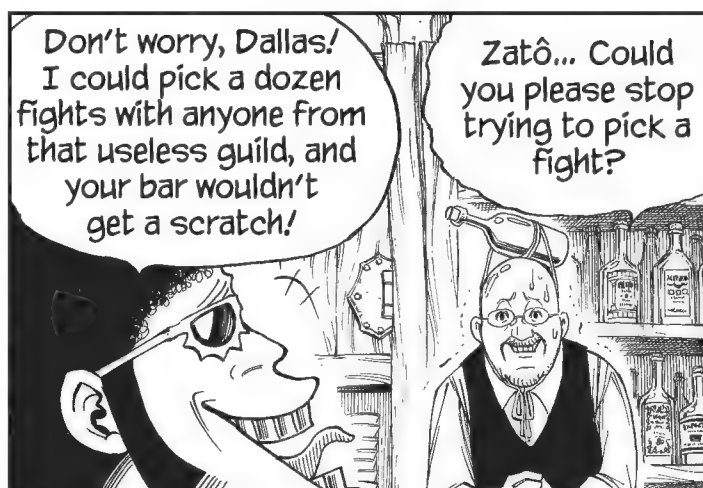
Jason is based on the author of *Manga: The Complete Guide*, Jason Thompson. Jason interviewed Mashima-sensei when he came to the San Diego Comic-Con in 2008, and Mashima-sensei was so impressed by Jason's energy and enthusiasm that directly after the interview, he decided to put Jason's character into Fairy Tail. Of course, the Fairy Tail version of Jason is somewhat more animated than the real person...

Moe, page 77

Moe is a Japanese word that comes from the verb *moeru* which means “to bud,” as in a flowerbud. It refers to young girls who display a naive innocence, but also a certain eagerness for new experiences (too-old or too-mature characters are not considered *moe*). The *moe* idea has been adopted by idols, maid cafes, certain types of manga and anime, and other cute-girl otaku-oriented goods and services to indicate a very energetic and cute attitude. In the middle 2000s, it was estimated that *moe* goods and services accounted for a third of the overall otaku market, but that number has been reported to be declining as the fad wears off.

Dallas, page 87

The hapless bartender, Dallas, is based on Random House’s chief manga man, Dallas Middaugh, who became friends with Mashima-sensei during the 2008 San Diego Comic-Con. Just so you know, I have known Dallas for quite some time, and I have



never seen him wear a liquor bottle on his head in real life. (But one can always hope!)

Nosebleed, page 134

A nosebleed is a standard manga/anime trope that indicates a sexually immature brain that is subject to a huge rise in blood pressure at the mere sight of a beautiful or sexy woman.

Goth-loli, page 138

The Gothic Lolita style of dress mixes the feminine frills of the Victorian or Rococo styles (Lolita style) with the heavy makeup and dark, macabre blacks and crimsons of the Gothic style. It was popularized by Mana, formerly of the popular band Malice Mizer. The goth-loli style can be most frequently seen among the cosplayers who congregate in the Harajuku section of Tokyo on Sunday afternoons.

Cheer Dance, page 139

A cheer dance is what one sees in cheerleading competitions as popularized in the 2000 film *Bring It On*. Although cheerleading as a sport began in the U.S., and most of its practitioners are American, teams from Japan have come to the U.S. to win major competitions at both the high school and college level.

Jutsu-Shiki, page 157

The *kanji* that make up Fried's magic are *jutsu*, which means "technique," as in a martial arts technique, and *shiki*, which is a *kanji* used to mean both "ceremony" and "style." *Jutsu-Shiki* seems to be based on the Japanese Buddhist and Shinto practices of hanging paper

(such as sutras) on doorways or other objects to ward off disasters, evil spirits, etc. However, unlike present Buddhist and Shinto wards, which are made of paper, the *Jutsu-Shiki* wards are made of nothing more than magical techniques.



Names of Fan Artists, page 190-191

A little-known fact about the Japanese language is, if people's names are listed only in *kanji* (as they are in Guild de Art), no one but a person who is acquainted with the owner of the name knows with absolute certainty how the name is pronounced. Unlike in most other Asian languages, *kanji* in Japanese have multiple pronunciations. As an example, the *kanji* meaning "down" can be pronounced ka, ge, shimo, shita, moto, shi, ji, kuda, and ori (and probably a few more beyond that). Very commonly used names are relatively easy to make a correct guess as to the pronunciation, but unusual names or pennames can become very problematic. To avoid this confusion, Japanese official forms all have a location where one must write in a pronunciation guide to tell those processing the paperwork how one's name is pronounced. So, keeping this in mind, please remember that we do our best to make accurate representations of the names in the fan-art section, but a good many are best guesses, and some may turn out to be inaccurate.

About the Creator

HIRO MASHIMA was born May 3, 1977, in Nagano Prefecture. His series *Rave Master* has made him one of the most popular manga artists in America. *Fairy Tail*, currently being serialized in *Weekly Shōnen Magazine*, is his latest creation.

Honorifics Explained

Throughout the Kodansha Comics books, you will find Japanese honorifics left intact in the translations. For those not familiar with how the Japanese use honorifics and, more important, how they differ from American honorifics, we present this brief overview.

Politeness has always been a critical facet of Japanese culture. Ever since the feudal era, when Japan was a highly stratified society, use of honorifics—which can be defined as polite speech that indicates relationship or status—has played an essential role in the Japanese language. When addressing someone in Japanese, an honorific usually takes the form of a suffix attached to one's name (example: "Asuna-san"), is used as a title at the end of one's name, or appears in place of the name itself (example: "Negi-sensei," or simply "Sensei!").

Honorifics can be expressions of respect or endearment. In the context of manga and anime, honorifics give insight into the nature of the relationship between characters. Many English translations leave out these important honorifics and therefore distort the feel of the original Japanese. Because Japanese honorifics contain nuances that English honorifics lack, it is our policy at Kodansha Comics not to translate them. Here, instead, is a guide to some of the honorifics you may encounter in Kodansha Comics Manga.

- san:** This is the most common honorific and is equivalent to Mr., Miss, Ms., or Mrs. It is the all-purpose honorific and can be used in any situation where politeness is required.
- sama:** This is one level higher than "-san" and is used to confer great respect.
- dono:** This comes from the word "tono," which means "lord." It is an even higher level than "-sama" and confers utmost respect.

-kun: This suffix is used at the end of boys' names to express familiarity or endearment. It is also sometimes used by men among friends, or when addressing someone younger or of a lower station.

-chan: This is used to express endearment, mostly toward girls. It is also used for little boys, pets, and even among lovers. It gives a sense of childish cuteness.

Bozu: This is an informal way to refer to a boy, similar to the English terms "kid" and "squirt."

Sempai/

Senpai: This title suggests that the addressee is one's senior in a group or organization. It is most often used in a school setting, where underclassmen refer to their upperclassmen as "sempai." It can also be used in the workplace, such as when a newer employee addresses an employee who has seniority in the company.

Kohai: This is the opposite of "sempai" and is used toward underclassmen in school or newcomers in the workplace. It connotes that the addressee is of a lower station.

Sensei: Literally meaning "one who has come before," this title is used for teachers, doctors, or masters of any profession or art.

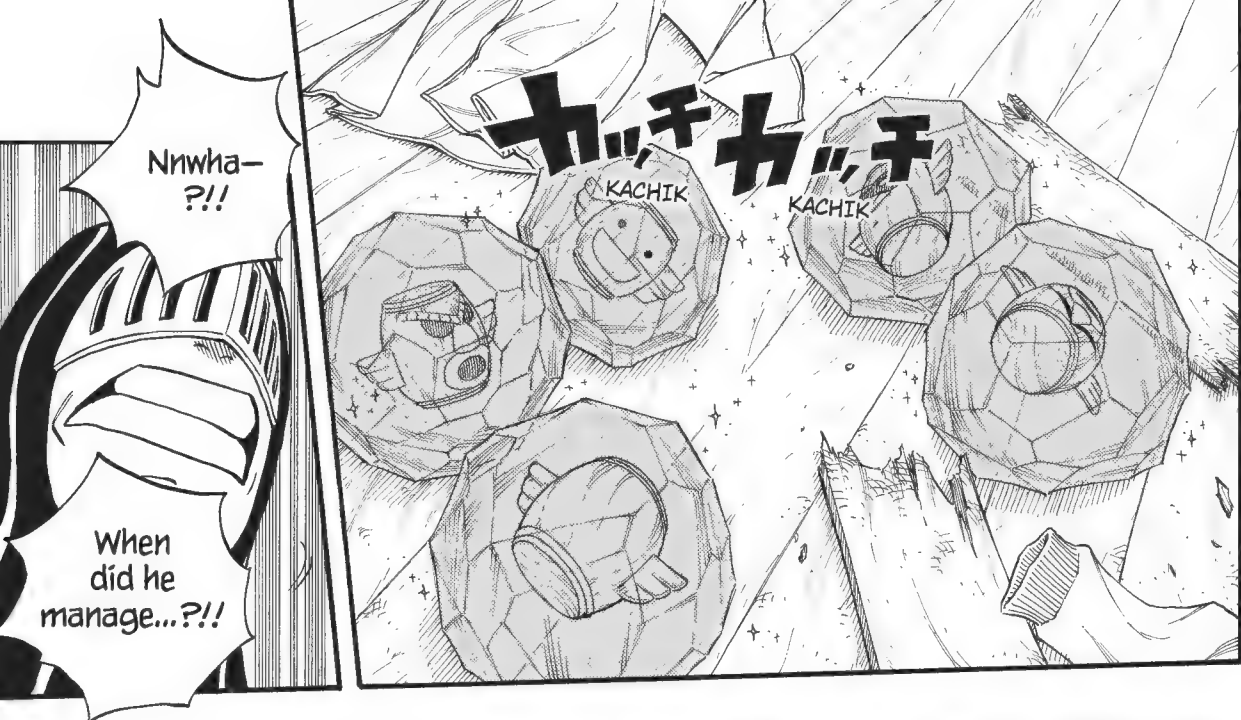
-[blank]: This is usually forgotten in these lists, but it is perhaps the most significant difference between Japanese and English. The lack of honorific means that the speaker has permission to address the person in a very intimate way. Usually, only family, spouses, or very close friends have this kind of permission. Known as *yobisute*, it can be gratifying when someone who has earned the intimacy starts to call one by one's name without an honorific. But when that intimacy hasn't been earned, it can be very insulting.

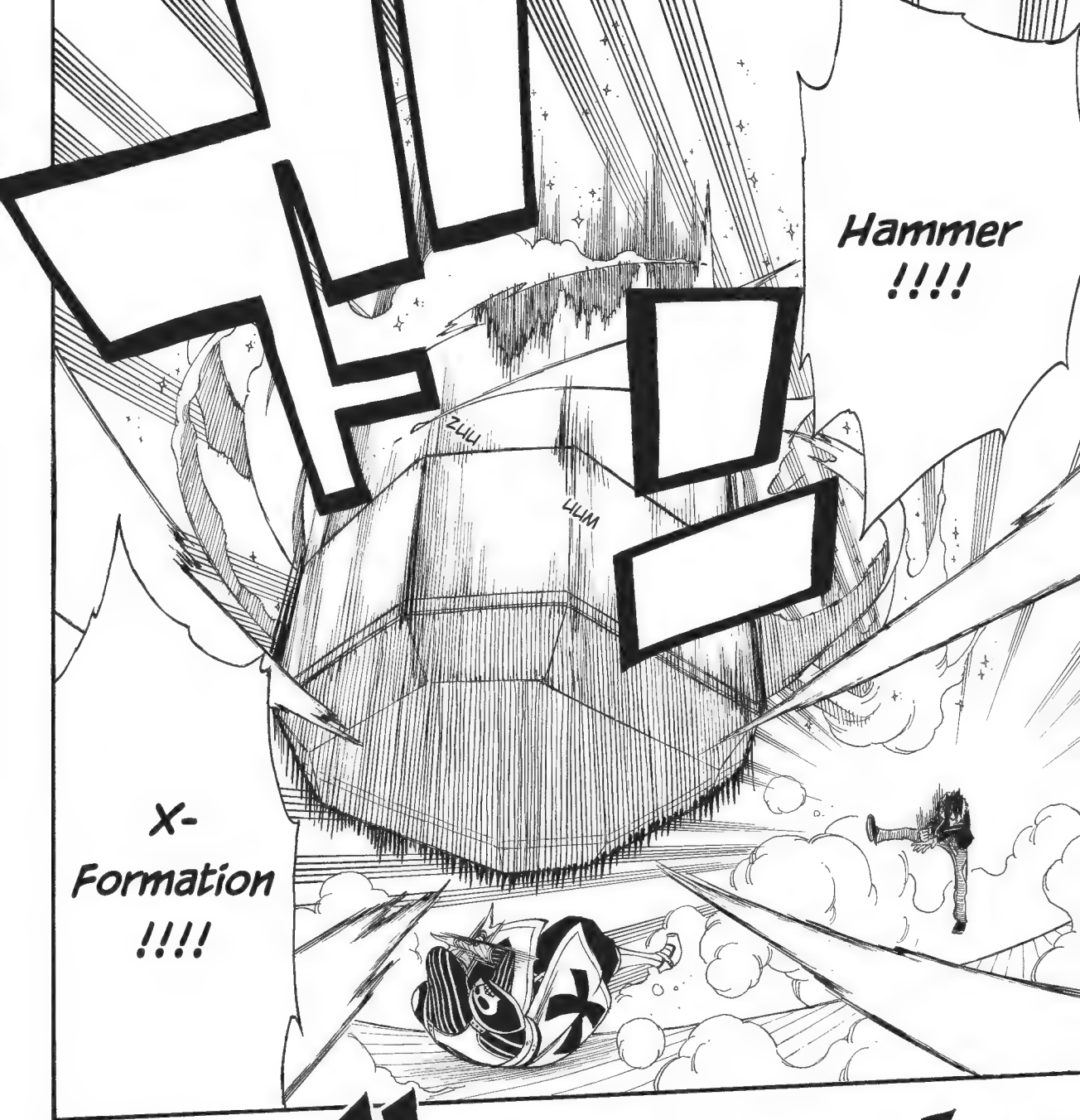
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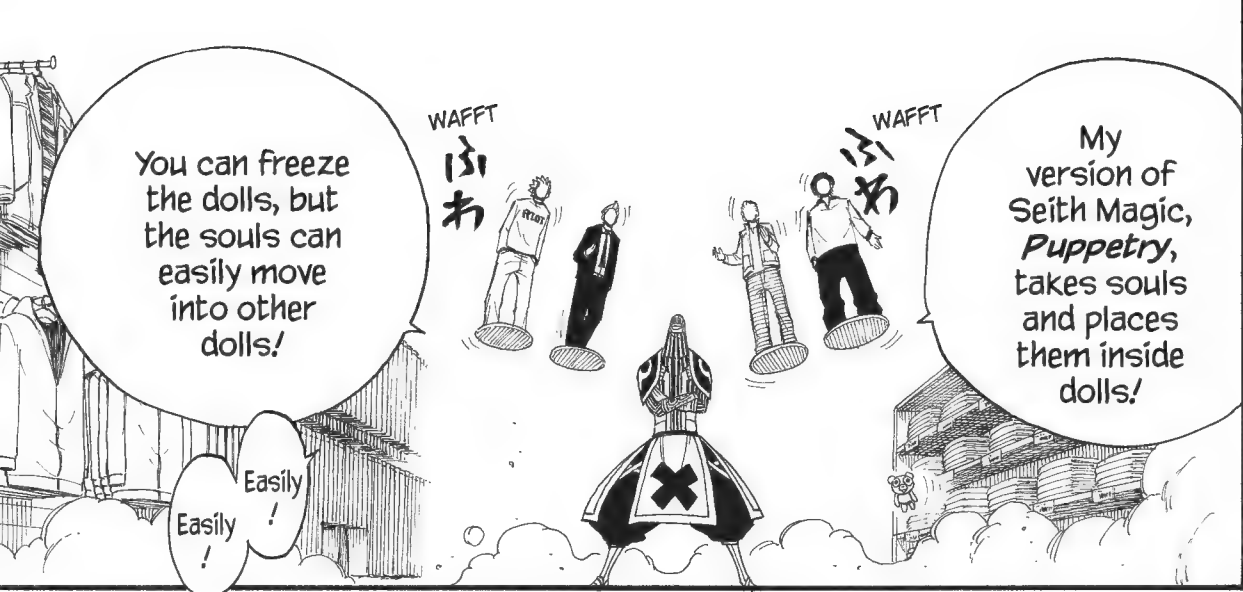
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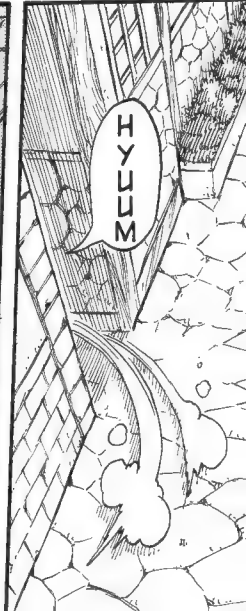
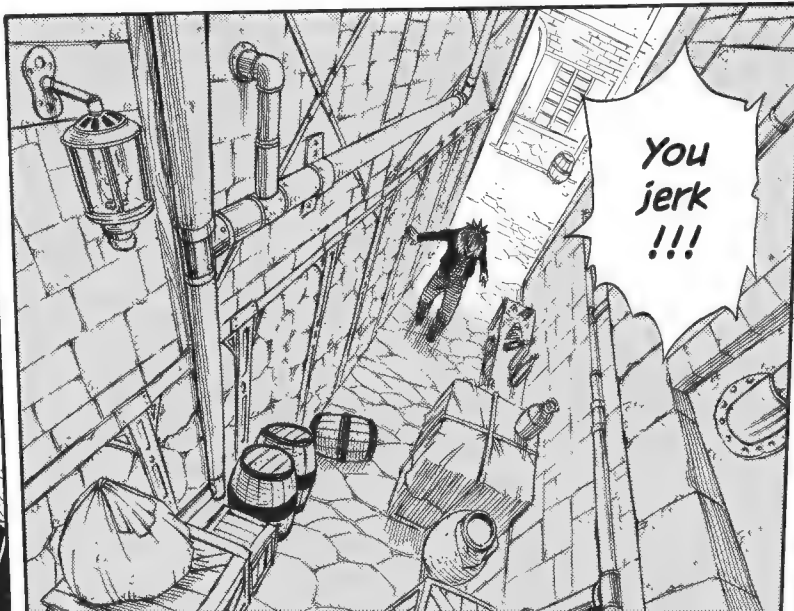
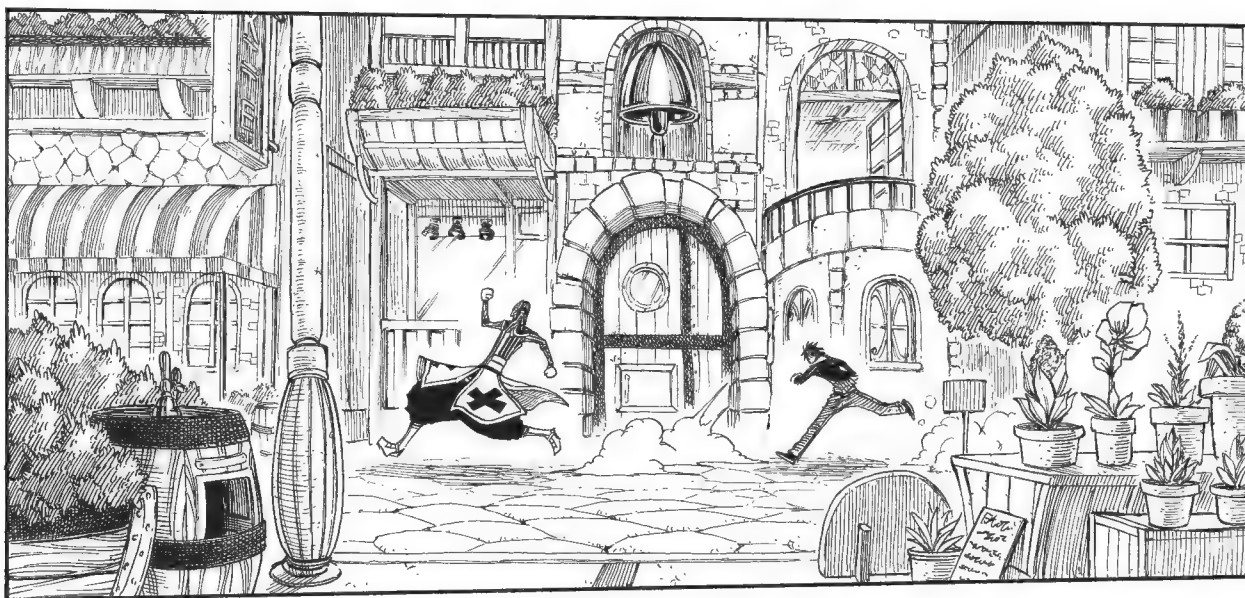




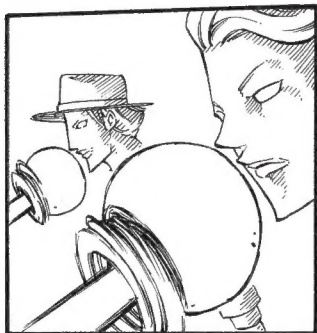
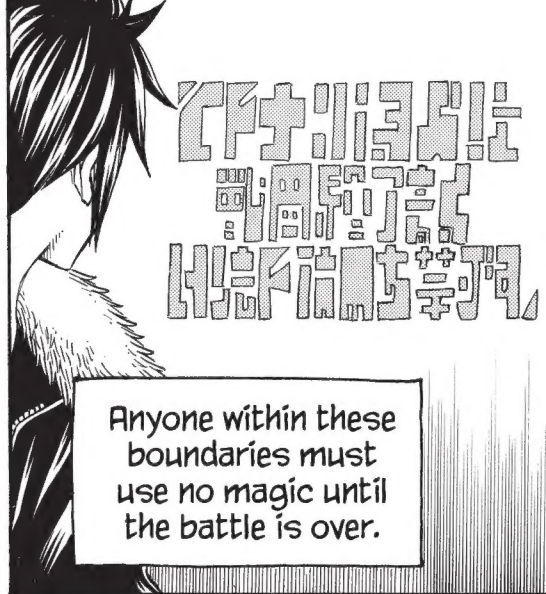












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